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AN EXTRAORDINARY SITUATION HAS BEEN DEVELOPING IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE IN CASTLEMILK OVER THE PAST 18 MONTHS.

As many readers will be aware, Castlemilk is a huge post-war housing scheme with a population of 40,000. What may not be so well known, however, is that Castlemilk is classed as a "deprived area" with comparitively few amenities. As will readily be appreciated the local Community Centre consequently serves an important function as a social focul point for the people of the area.

The Centre has been in existence for 10 years, but over the last 18 months the unprogressive attitude of the Education authorities (who run the place) and some of the established groups have been challenged by newer, younger members who wish to encourage a wider community participation in the Centre.

Some of the older,established groups are against a wider community involvement as this would break their monopoly over the use of the building. Far from dispelling this ,the Education authorities have encouraged them in their very selfish ideas.

Indeed so anxious have Education Department officials been to maintain the status quo, they have been prepared at times to stoop to personal threats, attacks on members, harrassment and lies.

Ultimately, these Officials declared null & void a Special General Meeting which effected changes in the Constitution of the Centre which could have meant a wider & more democratic use of the Centre.

While people were still reeling from the effects of these outrages,the Education Department's latest actor in the farce appeared with the appointment of a new Warden, Mrs.Banks, who has shown by



Mr. George Absolom

her actions to lack even a shred of integrity & diplomacy. She blatently & defiantly abuses her authority to the extent of disregarding democratic and constitutional procedures.

Recently, for instance, she suspended two girls,Miss M. Moore & Miss C.Forbes from membership of the Centre - which she is entitled to do. She did NOT, however, raise the matter at the next meeting of the Advisory Committee - which as Warden she is obliged to do. The result of this is that the girls are still suspended and cannot enter the Community Centre.

Further to this, when protests were made to her by centre members, one of these members (Mr.J.Cooper) received a letter saying that he had also been suspended from membership. The reason given for this action was "disrespectful behaviour towards the Warden".

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Argentina

CHEERING ON 'RA BOYS'

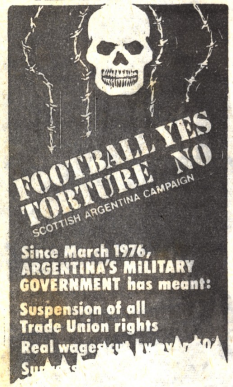
from the fireside in the World Cup, we should bear in mind that for the ruling dictatorship the football takes second place to the price of respectability. The GORILLA of Chile who used football grounds as concentration camps, Pinochet, in league with Videla whose favourite squad is the terror gang his State directs.

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FOOTBALL-YES TORTURE-NO

The military coup that seized power from the corrupt failing government of Isabelle Peron in March 1976 attracted little international attention and was generally welcomed by the majority of Argentinians. It was thought that the situation was already so bad that it could scarcely become worse. Since then, however life in Argentina has become a living nightmare as the military government pursues its policies of repressionwith complete disregard for civil liberties and human rights.

It wasa quiet and relatively welcome event because the



Peronist government's policies were failing badly and corruption was rife at every level of government. Bloody battles were being fought on the streets between the Montoneros, the left wing guerrilla group who claimed to be the heirs of Peronism, and the right wing terror groups especially the AAA - the Argentinian Anti-Communist Alliance - who were operating with at least the tacit approval of the police. They kidnapped anyone of importance in the opposition.

Isabele Paron had already declared a state of seige, handing over effective control to the military and so when the latter took over it was hoped that economic conditions might improve and that a return to democratic government effected.

However such hopes were almost immediately dashed as the government initiated their policy of economic and political repression, banning trade unions - and rather than stamping out the AAA terror gang - stepping up the policy of imprisoning, kidnapping and assassination of any potential opposition. Since the coup Amnesty International estimates that 8000 people have disappeared, 8000 assassinated and 15000 imprisoned without trial or even charges being brought against them. The right of defence lawyers to apply for a writ of habeas corpus has been suspended

The government claims that these were anti terrorist measures but Videla, Argentina's dicator, has gone on record as saying the "first they would stamp out active opponents of the Government, then those who did not actively support it." Despite a drop in guerrilla activity there is no sign of the government's repression slackening. The goverment now refers to the measures against the 'terrorist mentality'.

Despite this there has been no concentrated effort to put international pressure on the Argeninian miltary government. In Britain no attempts to enforce a trade or at least an arms embargo on the Junta have succeded. In the USA Carter's foreign policy and his stand on human rights has; meant a moral set back for Videla but he still enjoys support from the multi nationals who are favoured by his economic policies - at the expense of the Argentinian working class.

With the arrangements for the World Cup nearing completion the Government has hired the American public relations firm Burson and Marsteller on a £1m contract to generate favourable publicity and to provide the view of life in Argentina as one of sun, football and pamaps. In this respect the Argentina government's cynical use of the World Cup competition for propaganda purposes has many parallels with Hitler's use pf the 1936 Munich Olympics.

To counteract this propaganda and to expose the horror that is the reality of everyday life in Argentina, the Scottish Agegentina Campaing, along with other groups such as Amnesty International, Third World First and the Committee for Human Rights in Argentina have been active in holding meetings, pressing for information on 'disappeared' persons and campaigning for their release, and urging the British Government both to put pressure onVidela andto initiate a visa programme to allow Argentinian political refugees asylum in the UK.

The Scottish Argentina Campaign has a busy programme of events coming up, including a flag day and a concert with both Scottish and Argentinian folk musicians on June 4th. (Tickets from Phil O'Brien

51 Clouston Street, 946 4937).

JA

Unremitting repression enters third year

From ZERO May/June no. 6, anarca-feminist newsmagazine.

Since the bloody military takeover in Argentina in March 1976, tens of thousands have either been killed, arrested, tortured, imprisoned without trial, or have simply disappeared. We have received information concerning just one of these people.

On February 28th last year, Nelida Forti, a 41 year old member of the Argentinian Libertarian Movement, was arrested at Buenos Airies International Airport, along with 5 of her 6 children. They were on their way to Venezuela to join up with Nelida's husband, who had already been forced to seek refuge there. Police stopped the plane as it was taxiing down the runway, and seized Nelida and her 5 children. After learning news of the arrests, the FORA (anarcho-syndicalist union) and the Libertarian Federation began organising release work, in very difficult circumstances. After 15 days the children were released from custody but the authorities then denied any knowledge as to the whereabouts of Nelida Forti, saying she had at no time been held in detention.

The implications are obvious. Widespread international protest is the most effective way of bringing pressure against the fascist regimes of Latin America. It's important that as many people as possible write letters to the Argentine authorities (in Britain: Argentine Embassy, 9 Wilton Crescent, London SW1) demanding Nelida Forti's release☐

Dear GPP,

Until the Scottish Council for Civil Liberties conference on Children's Rights I had never heard RF macKenzie speak and it was only after hearing him that I read his autobiogr aphical 'The Unbowed Head', but his reputation has gone before him, for once perfectly justified.

It was with some disappointment therefore that I read his 'Axe to Grind' in the last issue of your paper and I feel that his points should not go unanswered.

1. Private Eye in all school libraries? Sure what is taught in our schools is rubbish and hypocrisy, serving only the staus quo when it is the function of education to challenge it. But is Private Eye any better? Hardly, since it is omly a clever, clever mirror image of the same nonsense & hypocrisy - sexist, elitist, racist, a magazine for the new radical chic managers, those who have made it and those who are on their way to the top.

Once there might have been an argument for the rag - or at least parts of it - the vintage Footnotes on the Kray twins, Poulson, Ronan Point and Heart transplants, the savage caricatures of Scarfe and Steadman, the Dave Spart spoof on the Trot press - but little of this remains. And that little scarcely justifies the rest of the pathetic magazine. No fundamental attitudes will ever be challenged within its pages since it is part of those attitudes and no real change will ever come from reading it.

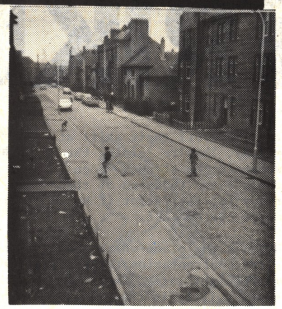


2. The EIS. Again what MacKenzie says is correct but asking Jimmy Milne or the STUC to do something about the EIS is rather like asking the Mafia to do something about Lucky Luciano. They're all part of the same gang, different only in degree, and they all h have the same function in society, that of controlling their members. The EIS does this as well as any other union and the other ideas it might have about belting children are really optional extras on the trade union package deal. Expelling the EIS (Educational Idiocy in Scotland?) from the STUC won't change their reactionary ideas. Nor will their staying in it. It's really irrelevant to trade unions.

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RENFREW COMMUNITY WINS CENTRE STRUGGLE

TENANTS OF THE MOORPARK ESTATE IN RENFREW HAVE JUST WON AN IMPORTANT AND FAR-REACHING VICTORY.



A four year fight for an environmental improvement scheme has ended this month with the news that the complete scheme is to go ahead as first planned. Despite strong opposition from the Scottish Office on grounds of 'economy' building work on a new community centre, gardens, play areas, allotments and traffic safety areas will start this month.

The start of the work will be a particular triumph for the tenants organisation, the Moorpark Community Association. The Association has been responsible for the whole plan right from the start.

Secretary of the Community Association, Mr.Keith Stoddart commentated "WE"RE VERY PLEASED ABOUT THE WHOLE THING. WE THINK IT SHOWS HOW TENANTS, PROPERLY ORGANISED, CAN BEGIN TO CONTROL THEIR OWN LIVES".

There was a very real danger that the whole idea would be scrapped at the last minute. The Scottish Office has slashed Renfrew Council's housing budget from £13 million to £3½ million. Strong protests from the Community Association and a few sympathetic councillors & council officials forced another £700,000 from them, however. This enabled the Moorpark scheme and several others in the district to go ahead after all.

For the tenants of Moorpark, by far the most important feature of the new scheme will be the new community hall. The Community Association has organised several successful ventures in the past, including an annual playscheme and a 'clean-up' of the area. But it suffers from the usual problems - cramped accomodation in its present Community House and lack of finance. Those involved hope that the expansion and move into new premises will lead to more & more tenants joining in, leading to a stronger Community Association.

The whole story is a classic illustration of how organisation brings results. At first labelled a 'political' body by the local Education Department and banned from the use of the local school for two years, the Community Association has fought back to win the respect of the tenants in the area.

Now that the Association has proved its strength by creating a scheme and seeing it through to completion, the hope is that all the tenants in the area will give the Association their ACTIVE support, giving it the backing necessary to challenge the problems of deprivation and poor conditions remaining in the area. Perhaps the story will also serve to encourage activists struggling to build up tenants' organisations in their own area.

D.P.

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The course of action which resulted in Mr. J.Cooper's suspension, was advised by Mr. Absalom - Mrs. Banks superior. Mr.Absalom had on a previous occasion physically ASSAULTED Mr.Cooper. As a result of this action he received a warning from the police.

At the moment, these suspensions still stand - despite admissions from senior Education Department officials that Mrs. Banks did not strict

that Mrs Banks did not strictly adhere to procedure. Strong protests have been made by a large number of Centre members regarding Mrs Banks behaviour in the situation. We hope that ultimately these will be heeded by her superiors.

C.M.

PENILEE

The fight against discrimination against 'tenement' dwellers (see GPP no.6) continues unabated.

Meanwhile Clive House are decanting Penilee tenants to Cardonald & Kinning Park tenants to Penilee (to suit their 'divide & rule' tactics).

We hope to carry a fuller report of the Gleddoch Rd. fight in the next GPP.

DANGER WORK CAN DAMAGE YOUR HEALTH



EVERY DAY the lives of ordinary men and women are placed at risk simply because they go to work. At work they are exposed to every kind of health hazard, from dangerous chemicals to excessive noise; from unsafe machines and out-of-date equipment to the materials used in the construction of the buildings they work in. Often people are placed in danger as result of careless management attitudes and ignorance of the work processes and materials.

It's not that our knowledge of the hazards of work is small, but that the results of research are not made widely known. Authority has proved useless at both protecting and informing people at risk, because companies (private and nationalised) are in business to make profits: protective clothing and the banning of dangerous chemicals costs money – an instance in which the search for profits kills.

Asbestos is one typical example of a dangerous material in everyday use. Nobody knows what level of exposure is either harmful or fatal. One brief exposure to asbestos fibres can result in their being lodged in a person's lungs, causing cancer years later – perhaps long after it is possible to identify the source. For many years asbestos was thought to be harmless, but even when the truth was discovered publication of early reports was suppressed.

Preventive measures cost money, and rather than give in to pressure from the shop floor, companies will transfer production to other countries, where workers are less well organised. Workers in Britain now face a choice of being unemployed or unemployable through illness. In Denmark any shop steward who thinks a new substance may be dangerous has the right to shut down the plant and call the factory inspectorate. We have no such "right" under British law: as always we can only rely on ourselves, and must take direct action– the one sure way to safety.

Women workers particularly are liable to risk from dangerous chemicals. The woefully inadequate standards laid down (which are often not enforceable) are based on an "average" 70 kilo man. Many chemicals cause particular female cancers, birth defects and miscarriages, and recent research indicates a strong possibility that contact with some chemicals during pregnancy can result in cancer being passed to the embryo or to the newborn baby through nursing. Men can also pass on diseases that cause congenital birth defects and cancers.

At present, over two million workers in the UK are subjected to dangerously high noise levels likely to affect their hearing. The Factory Inspectorate Code of Practice in relation to noise suggests a level of no more than 90 decibels for an eight-hour day, yet between 5 and 10% of people exposed to this level throughout their working lives will suffer loss of hearing – some seriously. In fact, hearing damage starts at 80dB.

It is important to remember that the range of intensity between loud and small sounds is such that it cannot be measured on a normal scale, so sound intensity is measured on a scale based on multiples of 10. eg 10dB is ten *times* as loud as 0dB, and 20dB is 100 times as loud. In fact each increase of 3dB means that the sound has doubled in intensity; 93dB is twice as loud as 90dB. Remember this if the management try to argue that *"it's only a few decibels over the limit"*.

If you suspect that the noise level at work is too loud; people get ringing in the ears after a few days work, or have to shout to be heard be people only a few feet away, get it checked (a *noise torch* will give a pretty good guide) and if necessary get the source removed. Baffles and sound deflectors can be built round machinery. Ear muffs are not the answer, as they cut out all sounds, which can be dangerous – but there is a device called a *sonic ear valve* that cuts out damaging sound, but still permits conversation.

One of the major sources of danger at work is chemicals, most of which come onto the market with little or no research carried out into the likely effects on the people who work with them. There are safe limits set out by the Factory Inspectorate and these are normally referred to as TLV's (threshold limit value). TLVs are supposed to set a limit you can safely be exposed to in an 8 hour working day, but in fact TLV values have *no legal force*. Always insist that the TLV is the maximum limit.

If you suspect a substance is dangerous find out the *exact* chemical name (as distinct from the trade name) – the warehouseman might be able to tell you, or the lorry drivers who deliver it may have the chemical formula noted on their TREM cards. If either of these fails trace it in the Chemical Society Annual Buyers Guide.

Get the Factory Inspectorate to make tests (under normal working conditions). They don't have to tell you the results, but they may do, but at least they will tell you if they think it's safe or not. You can try to persuade the management to run a survey and hold regular health checks. If you are still in doubt, contact a group such as BSSRS and ask them to analyse samples for you. Insist on good ventilation and personal protection such as masks and respirators – better still get the chemical replaced by a safe substitute.

GLASGOW 1915
RENT STRIKE

PICTURE if yus wull, a different world. Picture Glasgow over 60 years ago, before the first World war. There's nae Labour cooncil.There's bae cooncil hooses. 99% of folk have private landlords and because of the house building boom a few years ago there's now too many hooses! So rents are nae too bad - £15 - 20 a year.

Picture now Glasgow a couple of years later. The war's sent half the men to the trenches and the other half to make munitions in the yards an d the works. And there's thousands of folk pouring into Glasgow for all these new jobs. And they're all pouring into the same areas near the works - they've got to live near because of all the overtime and the late hours. So ye canna get a hoose in Govan, Partick, Whiteinch, Scotstoun or Parkhead noo! And the landlords and factors know that - why else are the rents tising so much so often?

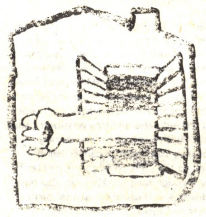
Picture then the scene. It's Tuesday 28th September 1915. In a street in Partick the women are gathering, and they're angry. They're refusing to pay the latest increase They've sent round the old amount right enough, but the factor's told them that's not good enough.They'll need to he out by the 28th if they don't pay it all; and his assistant's coming round now to return their postal orders for the old rent to prove it. He hasn't bargained for the welcome he gets though - he's pelted with peasemeal and whiting and chased down the street by a crowd of women telling him where to stuff his rent increase. "Upbraiding him vociferously" in Glasgow Herald language. Or as the song about the occasion puts it; "Theycaught him and they beat him and they took his trousers down, / They caled him the bum bailliff and they beat him through the town."

A week's gone by. Partick's joined the rent strike now, and Govan's about to. Right now the streets of Partick are packed with folk again, cheering the march that's setting off up the town. Thursday October 7th is the day of the big demo. A thousand folk from five districts are rallying in St Enoch's Square before they go up to put their case before the Council. "Our husbands, sons and brothers are fighting the Prussians of Germany - we are fighting the Prussians of Partick." say one Partick banner. "My father is fighting in France; we are fighting the Huns at home." says another. Harsh but fair.

A quick scene change to the hallowed precincts of the Council Chambers. A deputation has put the rent strikers'case - press the government to introduce legislation, they say -now they await the Council's big decision. Shall they or shall they not debate the matter today, or should theydefer it for a few days?

The result is a foregone conclusion. Uproar breaks out. One labour man demands assurances that the landlords sitting in the Council, as a matte matter of honour, were totally impartial in the way they cast their votes. "No fear of that" shouts the ubiquitous Voice of Glasgow, "You're asking too much."

A week's gone by. Once again the streets of Partick are hoaching. And it's deadly serious now. On Tuesday, nine of the rent strikers were up in front of the Sheriff at the



Small Debt Court, and they're facing eviction today, Saturday, at high noon. The strikers are optimistic though. They heard on Monday that an eviction threat to a Cathcart rent striker hadn't been carried through. And on Wednesday they'd toured the yrads and the works in the district and got a promise of support from all the men there. As the Bear Beardsmore workers at Parkhead had siad the week before any increase in rents was an attack on the whole working class and they wouldhe ready to respond. Right now the Partick workers are responding. As they come off their shift at midday, they're joining the women in the streets. Soon there"s two thousand of them ready for the factor if he comes. He doesn't.

Govan's the place where the first confrontation takes place, a firtnight later. Event shave moved swiftly in that time. Not only has the rent strike spread through Glasgow and surrounding districts, it's touched parts of the country as far away as Aberdeen and Birmingham. A perplexed Government has been forced to set up a Commisssion of Inquiry which is at present touring the Scottish cities collecting information on the rents question. Labour councillors are stepping up their efforts on



behalf of the rent strikers - four of them are rent strikers now, for God's sake. And Baillie Alston risks the warth of the Glasgow Herald letters page by declaring that the strikers should not accept the findings of the Commission if they do not meet with their approval. "Sheer lawlessness" - disgusted of Kelvinside.

But now Govan's the scene of the first shots in the battle The legendary Mrs Barbour of the Glasgow Women's Housing Association is addressing a crowd of women outside the threatened tenement when the Sheriff's Officers appear. Peasemeal, flour and whiting fly thick and fast as the men try to struggle through. The police arrive; one woman is taken away; law and order eventually prevails. Now the officers can proceed with the eviction of the widow from her sick bed. But even their stone hearts melt at the sight of he her. Oh dear, there must be some mistake, they're very sorry, they really didn't know...really. Another failed eviction attempt.

Wednesday, 17th November - all quiet on the housing front for over a fortnight now. The Commission has reported on the rents shambles, but will the government legislation back up its findings? They're wondering that at Ingram Street right now at the Small Debt Court where the factors are playing a last desperate hand in taking the secretary of the Partick Tenants' Defence Committee to court for an eviction order. The Court's packed with su'porters, and the frequent shouts from the public benches are upsetting the dignity of the court no end. They've got to shout inside if they want to he heard above the racket outside. Whistles, hooters and drums are going full blaw amid the thousands that are jamming the streets around the court. Deputations of rent strikers have arrived from all over the city, along with workers in their hundreds who have downed tools to join the demonstrations. They've brought along John MacLean from Lorne Street School, in his last days of freedom bfeore he starts his spell of porridge and poison for breaking the Defebce of the Realm Act in his anti-war speeches. Right now he's hopping from rostrum to rostrum as the police vainly attempt to stop him addressing the meeting, and try to break up the crowd outside the court.

Meanwhile inside the Sheriff isn't very impressed with the factor's case. Can't they wait and see what the government's legislation is going to say. No your honour, they must press the eviction request. But his honour has othet ideas. Phone calls and telegrams have already heen flying between Glasgow and London. With the assurance that legislation is on the way, he sees no reason to continue with the request - case dismissed.

Legend has it that the whole of Glasgow celebrated well into the early hours of the next morning. It was a complete victory - when the legislation went through parliament next week, it pegged rents to a pre war level, and gave assurances that there would he no more increases.

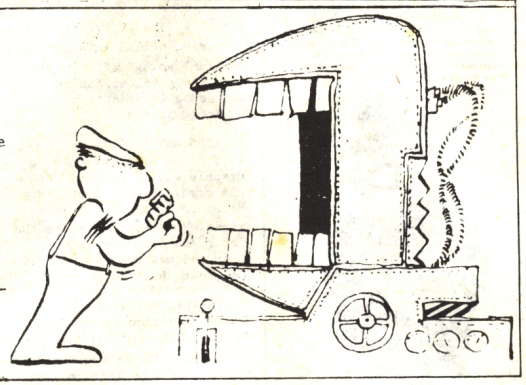
Chalk up one victory for the people.

D.A.

Workers Cooperatives

by Mike Ballard of 'Solidarity' (Manchester) which first appeared in Peace News as a critical contribution to assessing the significance of the upsurge in 'cooperative' solutions to redundancy.

FOLLOWING in the footsteps of Robert Owen at New Lanark 150 years ago, successive waves of cooperatives have come & gone, floundering on the rocks a profit orientated economic system. Now groups like Fast Kilbride Workers Cooperative and a womens run Co-op in Patna in Ayrshire are embarking on a similar road, being either motivated to create or preserve existing jobs. The heartbreak of the Scottish Daily News may not be repeated, but one is certain - all the innovation/commitment in the factory can't compensate for the surrounding society.



Rightly or wrongly, co-operatives have traditionally been associated with the concept of socialism.

In this country the association is best known through the longstanding tie between the Labour Party and the Co-operative Party which is partly funded by the huge co-operative wholesale and retail societies. These societies would not be recognised to-day, as having anything very radical about them. We have even been treated to the Co-operative Insurance Society helping to finance Harry Hyams' notorious venture at Centre Point in London.

Producer co-operatives originating in the same movement as the "consumer co-ops", have never been so "successful". Since their hey-day at the turn of the century, and despite occasional revivals, they have generally declined. To-day perhaps fewer than thirty genuine producer co-ops still exist. Most of them are very small concerns concentrated in clothing, footwear and printing, and employing probably less than 3,000 people altogether.

Only a small minority of co-operatives are completely self-governing.

In addition to these, there are some newer co-operatives often involving only a few individuals in each enterprise, that have grown up in the period since the 60s under the umbrella of the "alternative society".

The more widespread enthusiasm for the "co-operative idea" in recent years, has not however, been inspired by any of these ventures, but has stemmed mainly from four particular, much publicised struggles against redundancies. They were the women leather workers of Fakenham in Norfolk, who eventually formed Fakenham Enterprises Ltd; the NVT motor-bike workers near Coventry who formed the Meriden Co-operative; the Fisher-Bendix workers in Liverpool who formed the Kirkby Co-operative; and last but not least, the Glasgow *Daily Express* workers who formed a short-lived co-op to produce the *Scottish Daily News*.

Whilst the most radical of producer co-ops may have shown that, even in a hostile climate, it is possible to run industry along far more democratic and egalitarian lines than at present, the general picture painted by a brief summary of recent larger-scale ventures is far from bright.

They all started off as struggles against redundancies and whilst those that have survived *have* saved some jobs, the overall record is pretty grim. Generally speaking these co-operatives have served only to allow the rationalisation within their respective industries which was needed in the first place to restore profitability. A recent and even more striking example of this trend is the "Clogoras Co-op" (formally Courtaulds) in Skelmersdale, which was formed by 28 men from a company which employed about 1,250 workers! In the case of the *Daily Express*, 1,200 workers also lost their jobs. The remaining workers who invested their redundancy money and savings in the co-op eventually lost both their money and their jobs.

ECONOMICS

If we ask in what way the ownership of the factory by the employees differs from ownership by a capitalist, we obtain some painful answers.

A company has to buy its raw materials on the market, along with every other company. It does not get steel, oil, copper, coal, any cheaper because it is owned by its employees. Indeed, to the extent that it is smaller than many other companies it may well have to pay more because it cannot obtain the same concessionary rates that really large customers obtain.

A company has to sell its finished products on the market, along with every other company. It does not get higher prices for its goods because it is owned by its employees. It has to compete with every other manufacturer in terms of price, delivery dates, quality etc. To the extent that it is smaller than other companies in the field, it will have problems in reducing its unit cost by means of economies of large scale production. To the extent that it is "different" from the orthodox capitalist concern it has to compete that much harder. It may find itself excluded from the informal price-fixing ring that exists in many industries, and it may be subject to a concerted campaign of underselling by its capitalist rivals.

In order to compete for any length of time, the new company will have to invest in new plant and equipment. To do this it will require a large amount of capital. If this is obtained by borrowing, then the new company will have to convince the banks that it is a viable and profitable concern, run along good business lines. It will be under even greater pressure to prove that it is viable just because it is a different sort of company. If it gets a loan from the government the same rules will apply. Of course, it may decide to raise the capital needed for investment out of the profit on its sales.

That brings us back to the way in which the new concern *is* different. Inside the factory, there are no owners other than the workers. But they buy goods at the same price as other capitalist concerns. They sell goods at the same price as other capitalist firms. They compete flat out with other capitalist firms. If they are to make enough surplus to re-invest, or to convince the banks they are good for a big loan, how are they to do it? They are in a trap. Either they sack some of their fellows; or they increase their own intensity of work; or they take a wage cut. Whichever avenue they choose, their decision has two effects. Firstly they have attacked their own living standards. Secondly, they are acting as an unconscious argument in the hands of other bosses against their work-forces. If employers in other factories are faced with a demand for, say, a wage rise, they will immediately reply that they can't afford it. Few trade unionists will believe that straight off, but if the employer can point to a worker co-operative and say: "they work for less than you are demanding, with no boss, why are you demanding more?" then they have an excellent propaganda weapon against other trade unionists.

All this sounds very harsh, but it is in no way meant as a slight on those workers who have fought long and hard for a workers' co-operative. In many cases they have fought that fight very well indeed, but the logic of capitalism has doomed their efforts.

It's also noticeable that it is mainly in labour-intensive industries that relatively independent co-ops have been launched and some become "successful". This isn't just because less capital needs to be raised, but because there is often a greater measure of skill still attached to the job, and a greater identification with the job, the product *and* the enterprise. This was certainly true of the Meriden workers and it was true for the journalists and the skilled printworkers at the *Express* (though not for the bulk of the *Express* workers). The same identification can be seen in other struggles, such as that of the Lip watchmakers in France, which have stopped short of creating co-ops. Whilst this identification may well help to sustain a co-op it cuts right across identification with fellow workers *as a class*. It has been a terribly divisive factor, ranking perhaps only second to nationalism (which, by the way, also played its own destructive part in the *Express* struggle).

DEMOCRACY

The extent to which internal democracy takes root in co-ops depends to some extent on the length of struggle and degree of prior involvement of the workers before the co-op is set up. But the odds are *against* a fully democratic internal life being maintained.

Firstly, the co-op must remain competitive and it can't afford to allow productive workers any large amount of time out of the working day, for meetings and consultations. After a full 40 hrs work or more, most workers are not prepared to regularly attend meetings in their spare time. The co-op can't make just anything it wants, and work satisfaction doesn't automatically flow from knowing the place belongs to them. No one wants their whole life to revolve around their "work", but in the present circumstances a fully democratic co-op demands just that.

Secondly, competition demands a great deal of business secrecy which contradicts workers' democracy. Co-ops set up on the ruins of failed private firms are particularly sensitive to the market reactions which would follow open discussion of their business problems.

The traditional left alternative to workers co-ops as a solution to redundancies, ie "nationalisation under workers control" isn't in practice any better. In many cases it is a completely impossible demand anyway but even if viable it won't be instituted in the form the left wingers want. The same market pressures apply, if perhaps on a higher level and mediated by the state bureaucracy. Workers still need to fight back against cuts in wages and conditions and further redundancies.

I've talked as though co-ops and nationalisation were opposed options because they are often presented that way. But actually large scale co-ops can only get off the ground and continue with massive government aid.

The Institute For Workers Control who've been the main ideological backers of workers' co-ops, are also strongly in favour of widespread nationalisation, and of government involvement in co-ops as representative of the "consumer" or the "public".

Their discussions of this matter are reminiscent of those in the early co-op movement which divided strongly into "producer" and "consumer" camps. The problem really can't be resolved administratively. So long as capitalism continues the consumer/producer conflict will remain.

Small co-ops may be viable and useful as experiments and examples of the potential which a socialist society would realise, but there is no way in which a socialist *economy* can be built up within the framework of capitalism. A social revolution is essential.

Struggles against redundancies need to be extended both physically—to the neighbourhood and other industries, and socially onto a wider arena. Only if we fail to extend them, will we be obliged to "choose" between the *capitalist* alternatives of a co-op, nationalisation, private employer, or the dole.

Does all this mean that co-ops are useless? No! There are many radical ventures such as community presses, bookshops, distributors, clubs, houses etc, which in order to maintain an even keel within capitalism have made use of co-operative principles. Again most of these are small and labour intensive. More important however, is that their aim is primarily political and they are not expected to provide a meal ticket. The co-operative structure is supportive of, but secondary to the political aim and the project is kept going mainly because of the high level of political awareness and commitment of the members.

Peace News 21 October 1977

The Unveiling Of Colonel B

The recent case of Colonel Hugh Johnstone alias B, threatened to divert attention from the real issue in the current wave of hysteria over official secrecy - the ABC case and our right to know what the state is up to.In the interests of national security we here print some words of wisdom from the Colonel himself.

Tell us about your life.

I joined the army at the age of 18. Before that I was at school. I am a serving officer with the rank of full colonel. I had until earlier this month overall responsibility for army SIGINT matters for the past three years. My posting was Colonel, General Staff, in the Defence Intelligence Staff. The Defence Intelligence number is DI 24 Army.

How can we verify this?

It was published in *Wire* December 1974-January 1975. To my knowledge neither the name SIGINT nor its functions are published in the *Wire* magazine.

So there's no way anyone's supposed to know about SIGINT?

Until this case, the general public, as far as I am aware, has been unaware of UK SIGINT activities. As a result of these proceedings, the fact that SIGINT exists is no longer secret, but the details of its operations still are. Whether or not something is classified as secret may itself be classified as secret.

Who decides this?

The rank of army officer that has made the decision that the British public is to be unaware of SIGINT is a question that is completely beyond my competence to answer. I have always understood that this decision was national policy. There are regulations which govern the handling of SIGINT which specify how SIGINT is to be handled. These regulations are not accessible to the press. The press is unaware of the specific regulations to which I am referring, to the best of my knowledge.

Details of the rules governing matters such as this are contained in the appropriate security regulations. You would only know this if you had security clearance, or had been told by somebody with it.

It is my opinion as an expert that there should be no discussion of SIGINT and its tasks outside the closed community of those who have the appropriate clearance.

How is this community defined?

The indoctrination and de-indoctrination procedures of personnel working in SIGINT are carried out with the greatest possible thoroughness and nobody is left in any doubt as to the seriousness and importance of the requirement to maintain maximum security and not under any circumstances to discuss classified matters with persons who do not hold the same security clearance.
I do not think you should discuss SIGINT with anybody even to the extent of giving an opinion. I do not think there should be discussion of SIGINT including the amount of money spent on it outside the community to which I have already referred. The whole subject of SIGINT is classified.

So how can people know, for instance, of the existence of a SIGINT unit in the army? In what publications can they read of them?

The role of the army SIGINT units is not apparent from the overt title. In other words it would not be apparent to the man in the street that these units were SIGINT units. There are publications which I rely on. They are all classified and I cannot tell the court which ones they are.



How great is the threat to national security from the publication of information about SIGINT?

In peacetime I think that the identification of SIGINT units would undoubtedly draw the units to the attention of hostile intelligence services. There are also periods of time which whilst not technically periods of tension are nevertheless periods of unrest and maybe characterised by a variety of terrorist acts . . . the identification of a SIGINT unit may result in that unit becoming the target for a terrorist attack.

A SIGINT unit would be high on the list of any fifth column for sabotage. Today there is technically peace but we have the IRA on the streets and various other urban guerilla factions. I am not prepared to say whether or not SIGINT operations are bing conducted against the IRA.

Is it true that the American National Security Agency is deeply involved in UK SIGINT?

Maybe there are other allied countries involved in the SIGINT operation, their identities I would prefer not to reveal.

When you gave evidence in the ABC trial, what instructions did you have from Intelligence chiefs?

I did consult with members of other government departments concerned with intelligence and security on the question of assessment relating to the tape. I think I should not name any of the other government departments.

And how has the experience of giving evidence on SIGINT in open court been for you?

It would never enter my head to discuss SIGINT with the general public. Indeed to be truthful I find it extremely difficult, even in court, because it runs against all my training. In my opinion it would be a breach of security for a former member of SIGINT to say to a friend, for example, that too much money was spent on Signals Intelligence.

I think it has been damaging to the national interest for me to have said the things I have said in open court during the last two days.



COLONEL B

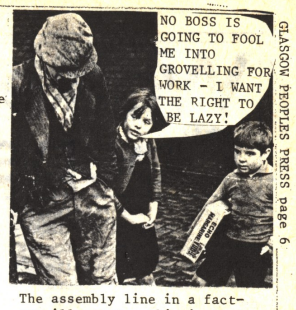
WORKERS' AUTONOMY is the third in a series of pamphlets written by Italian anarchists and translated for the 'anglo-american' scene by a clydeside anarchist publications collective.

This is the most stimulating one so far, following on, as it does, from the last one "Critique of Syndicalist Methods", which concentrates on demolishing left myths that trade unions can be converted into instruments of emancipation.

WORKERS AUTONOMY is not an easy piece of literature to grapple with and in places the translation suffers from being too literal and jargonistic. However, don't let that deter you from obtaining a copy and making your own mind up about what it says.

There are four articles after an introduction by one of the Bratach Dubh Collective. The first one, "After Marx, autonomy" could be left to last as it comes over as more abstract, although it does raise the thorny problem of why people have a "religious" reliance on Leadership.

The basic idea behind the articles is that industrial and community struggles which concentrate on controlling our own lives are more productive as far as 'autonomy' is concerned, AUTONOMY is associated with the idea that only independent direct action by working people OURSELVES can free the situation of exploitation and frustration built into the system.



The assembly line in a factory illustrates this in that action by the workerss to control the speed of thr line and conditions of work are more important in fighting against bosses of all descriptions than "the logic of disputes and collective bargaining".

This was captured in the French film 'Blow for Blow' which was screened recently by a group of Paisley anarchists, in which a factory of women textile workers refused to allow the management and union officials to dismiss a couple of workers for 'sabotaging the line' - that is immobilising it for a while so that they could get a break. In this case the whole situation escalated to the point of occupying the factory and even holding the boss as hostage.

This tends to be exceptional, however, yet what the pamphlet calls 'workers autonomy' happens everyday as people refuse to submit to the dictates of authority and leaderg.

BRATACH DUBH, 83 Langside Tce, PORT GLASGOW, Inverclyde. 30p + postage for pamphlets.

BOOK REVIEWS

SCOTTISH ECO COOK BOOK produced by and available from Friends of the Earth c/o Mary Locock, 24 Torran Road, Easterhouse, Glasgow G33 at 50p

The recipes have a Scottish flavour and take into account Scotland's natural resources Fish, game and fresh fruit dishes are included as well as the more usual grain based ones. Two of the main attractions of this kind of cook book are the traditional ingredients and methods of preparation which are cheaper and healthier both in terms of the individual and the environment.

Group members obtained recipes from many sources and even got some from a pre World War One Australian Cook book which was written especially for Scottish settlers

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AS WE SEE IT...

More print but less pages HOW has it come about ?

The GPP collective have decided to test your eyesight by reducing the size of the print & connected with this changing to a 4 column format as a departure from the old 3 or 2 (we are not 5th columnists)!

WHY this is necessary, however, is the main point of this COLLECTIVE statement.

Basically, two factors are involved. Firstly, we thought it would improve the style and overall image of the paper. Secondly, and a more compelling reason, it was a question of finance.

As with other 'alternative' papers in recent decades (The Word, 'Solidarity Glasgow', Skelf & the GLASGOW NEWS) there is the recurring problem of keeping the paper solvent (bad debts are a problem).

The REAL solution is the readership taking an ACTIVE part in the production & distribution of GPP. If we could increase circulation 'economies of scale' could occur. This especially important given the low priority of advertising.

SO, when it comes down to it we need YOUR support in order to guarantee the continued existence of the paper. FEEL FREE to contact us by post, phoning, or by turning up at the BACK LOUNGE, (through Bar) in Wintersgills, Gt.Western Rd., near Charing X, at 8.15 Wednesdays in June.

NOTE:
signed or initialled articles come from supporters outwith the GPP collective while unsigned pieces come from a member of the collective.

Bookshop

The ALTERNATIVE BOOKSHOP COLLECTIVE is holding weekly meetings (Tuesday @ 7.30, 146 Holland St.) throughout the summer in a concerted bid to get the idea 'off the ground'.

We aim to establish a shop/meeting place which is is reasonably central for Glasgow & clydeside. We are keen to build up a fund which will help to set up the shop on a secure footing, in the near future. All welcome.

THANKS for information & articles to:-
LEVELLER & PEACE NEWS (both fined £500 for naming H.A.Johnstone.. the real B...);
ZERO: TIME OUT :
SOLIDARITY: and LINKS (for the front-page table-football graphic).
LIBERTARIAN EDUCATION etc.
and ABERDEEN PEOPLES PRESS 163 King St.(29669) Aberdeen, who printed GPP.

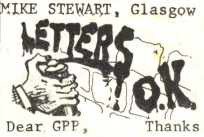
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What will change them and is changing them is the attitude of the school students, the people on the receiving end, more and more of whom are voting with their feet.

The E.I,S. certainly has to be challenged but it is the students (and people like Bob MacKenzie himself) who are doing this, not the S,T,U,C.

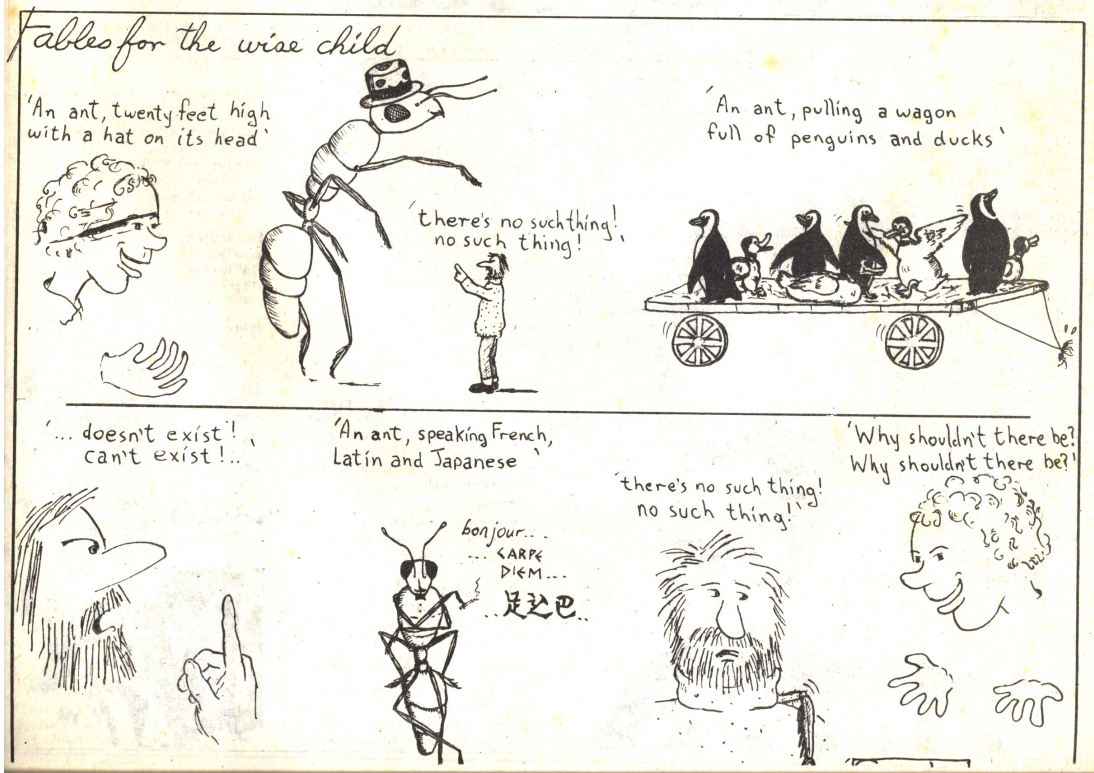
love & solidarity,

MIKE STEWART, Glasgow G.12.



Dear GPP, Thanks very much for the listing in"the Source" which has brought us several new members...In June Glasgow FOE are having a week of action to highlight the SAVE THE WHALE campaign, commencing on Sat.June 17th with a street display.

Friends of the Earth.



NO FRILLS FOR FIRHILL —

THERE IS no single issue in Glasgow which so affects the emotions, or excites an other-wise apathetic population as Football. Within its vast city-wide framework it can either contain or inspire every conceivable ill of the society we live in. Peligious bigotry, male dominance(although this is being steadily challenged by the emergence of very competent women's teams), mindless partisanship (extending from territorial gang warfare to something akin to racism), alcoholism and of course ordinary everyday murder.
However, these, and more, are most obviously reflected in the structure of the pro-fessional clubs. Imagine, if you will, a triangle, representing the board of directors, each point of the triangle representing, in turn- Money, Authority and Control. This triangular entity squats and feeds heavily on a writhing, groaning mass of humanity. It's no coincidence that this lower mass is known as 'supporters'. Again, it's no coincidence that it's a perfect miniature mirror-image of society itself.

The implications are appa-rent. The excited emotions and aroused passions are centred on or around the activities(or inactivities) of twenty two sportsmen and not on the ponderous, life-sapping weight above.

Controlled work, controlled play, spectate, consume, obey- it's all the same and it isn't science fiction.

Nevertheless, attempts are being made on the terracings, as at''work', to wrest contr-ol from the few. The activ-ities of the Falkirk fans and the recent formation of the Partick Thistle Support-ers Union indicate a grow-ing awareness among many fans that they are being contemptuously treated like money-bearing sheep, herded into the grounds where they are relieved of their 80p's and fed a diet of whatever the management wants to dish up.

The P.T.S.U. believe that they "should have a half share at least or ultimately full control of the running of Partick Thistle F.C."

The organisers, a group of "disgruntled terracing fans" made an initial impact on the main body of supporters (especially the official supporters association who tried to have them evicted from Firhill), but two months and one feeble leaflet later has seen no further develop-ment. It remains to be seen whether the new season will produce a powerful grassroots alternative to Chairman Miller Reid's stranglehold on Firhill or another whining ginger group, blinded by a sense of its own importance.

For those who play and/or watch football, it can, like any other sport, be a fascin-ating game. For many, it can also be a drug, dangerous if taken with drink.
And for the few, it's simply another means to power, prestige and wealth.
There's absolutely no reason why the football supporter, like every other oppressed being, shouldn't

cast off the chains and wrap them firmly round the windpipe of his or her oppressor.

'The Spotted Looney'



Glasgow Peoples Press

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The occupation of the nucl-ear site at Torness on the first weekend in May was a great success & brought to-gether ecology, anarchist & feminist contingents alongs-ide the anti-nuclear protest. Of particular interest was the sustained opposition of Orkneys people to a Uranium deposit located their. How-ever, despite letters of protest from all over the islands & apparent success in Parliament, a late amm-endment gave the final power to the Secretary of State - and his record over the tan-ker terminal at Braefoot Bay doesn't inspire confidence !

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The Region is also talking about forcing parents to send their children outside of their home area so as to equalise the class sizes.

It is nothing but hypocrisy for all parties to wine about falling standards in education. More teachers are needed rather than more research into different methods.

ACTION

An action committee to fight for more teachers jobs has been set up at Jordanhill College. Students were not satisfied that the S.P.C. was doing enough about the job situation, so they took things into their own hands.

Members of the action comm-ittee have already drafted leaflets, got petitions fill-ed and held meetings - all within the space of one week.

One of the activists told GPP:

"This is just the beginning.

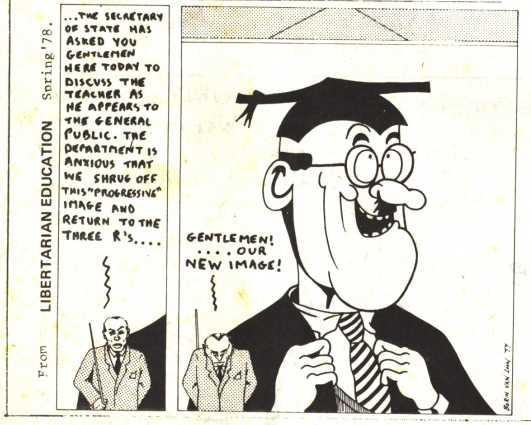
Our aim is to get every par-ent, every student, every teacher writing to the auth-orities and kicking up a fuss in anyway they can. We have had enough sympathy, now we want a bit of ACTION".

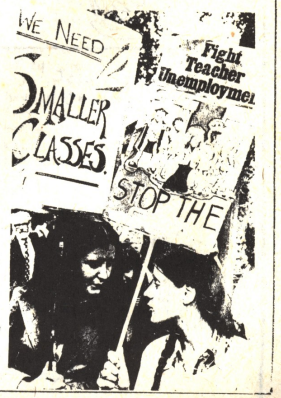
The ACTION COMMITTEE need more people to help. Contact via Action Committee, Jordan-hill College G.13.

Write protests to Strathclyde Region Education Dept.,Bath St.

S.P.U.C.

There isn't the slightest bit of truth in the rumour that the initials SPUC advertised by placard-waving nuns actually stands for 'Stop Pregnancies, Use Contraceptives'. Nor does it stand for the 'Society for the Prevention of the Unwanted Child.'





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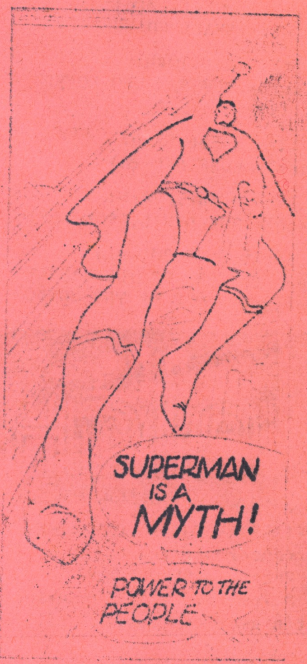
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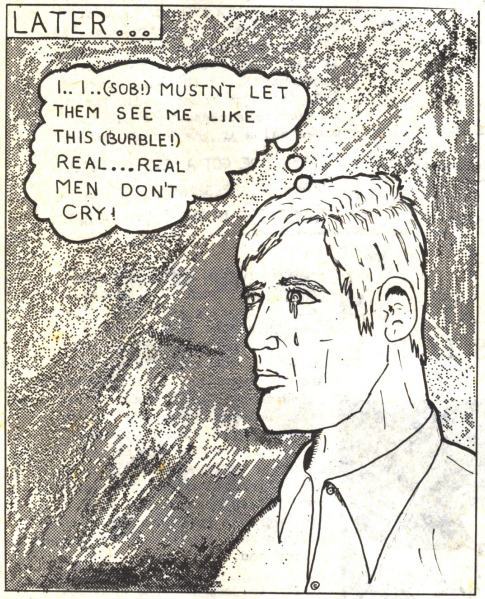
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FREQUENTLY COUCHED AS A JOKE, BUT COMING MORE INTO SIGNIFICANCE



AGE of CONCERN

A CLAIMANTS UNION ACTIVIST IN LILYBANK IN GLASGOW'S EAST-END HAS UNCOVERED A CASE OF INHUMANITY AGAINST AN OLD AGE PENSIONER BY THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM AND THE ELECTRICITY BOARD.

Mr. Hugh Kernan of 11 Dunning St. aged over 70 years, has been subjected to a wave of ill-treatment in the wake of the 'modernisation' programme being carried out by the builders Cubitts.

Living in a back-to-back, he had to endure 6 months without a cooker. At first he coped by eating out at a cafe, and later when local residents found about his plight, eating with them.

On top of this his electricity and rent was in arrears and this brought him into contact with the Social Security and the Electricity Board. An S.S. visitor from the Springfield Rd. office, despite trying to persuade the old man to see her alone without the aid of Mrs Betty McGratten of the Claimants Union, stated that they would pay the electricity bill & in connection with this take off £1 a week from the old man's supplementary benefit.

In addition it was later found out that the S.S. in fact owed £40 in rent allowance to Mr. Kernan.

However, true to their colours, the S.S. failed to keep their word. A distraught Mr. Kernan had his electricity cut off one night and contacted the Claimants Union.

Despite at first saying it was holiday weekend and nothing could be done until the Tuesday the Emergency Social Work were persuaded by a Claimants Union representative that contact had to be made immediately with the Electricity Board.

IT IS AGAINST THE LAW TO DISCONNECT AN OLD AGE PENSIONER.

The saga has continued and appeals have been made as far up the S.S. hierarchy as Prof. Donnison, Chairman of the Supplementary Benefits Commission. At the time of going to press the situation is unresolved.

ANOTHER example of how the Welfare State 'provides' for the old and infirm can be found on page three.

A case of inhumanity involving people who patently need a ground floor flat but are restricted by Clive House.

CO-OP JOB FIX

A SCANDAL OVER DISCRIMINATION HAS ERRUPTED RECENTLY IN POSSIL-PARK. THE POSSIL POST, THE CAMPAIGNING ANB INVESTIGATIVE NEWSPAPER SERVING THE AREA, HAS UNCOVERED THAT POSSIL PEOPLE ARE NO LONGER BEING CONSIDERED BY THE "CARING,SHARING CO-OP"IN SARACAN ST. FOR JOBS.

A post of Check-out operator was advertised in the nearby Springburn Job Centre and a Possil woman enquired about it, only to be informed by an interviewer that the Co-op had instructed the Job Centre NOT to consider applicants from the local area.

At first the local Co-op manager, a Mr. Hamilton, denied any knowledge of the situation, hoping the storm would soon 'blow over'. However, the paper interviewed a Mrs Weldon of nearby Allander St. who had been told by the manager that "between you and me" that her son and all local applicants for Co-op jobs would be refused.

When enquiries were made with the Regional General Manager Mr. Lindsay at the Co-op Head Office he asserted that selection for jobs was based on "capability" alone.

When confronted for a second time the local Saracan St. manager Mr. Hamilton admitted his policy yet said that the appointment was only "preferably" non-local and anyway he "wanted a change" (!)

The real truth of the matter was that local applicants were'nt being considered because apparently their relatives might 'use' the shop (yet many Possil people are already employed in the Co-op).

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including what's on.....pullout

who are the real CULPRIT'S

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In view of the massive environmental project and modernisation of houses costing £10,000,000, which will start in the near future in Blackhill, a deputation of very nice tenants who are part of a working party in Blackhill, had a look around Possil recently and talked to the tenants here.

Not for them the closure of back greens for over two years, or communal back courts. They were particularly interested in having fitted wardrobes exactly where they want them, and they definitely do not want scullery cupboards which are beyond the reach of a 5ft.6in housewife to get access to top shelves. They also wondered why central heating was put in which no one can afford to use.

They know exactly what they want and its not what we've got.

So poor old Blackspot Blackhill is to have a face-life at last. To quote Cllr Pat Lally who was the Chairperson of the Housing Committee at that time "THIS SCHEME HAS BEEN A DISASTER BUT WE MUST PUT IT RIGHT NOW, I'M SURE THE TENANTS ARE MORE COMMUNITY MINDED THAN IN THE PAST". In other words the ing lack of interest and inefficiency by the Housing Dept for practically half a century is responsible for this deterioration.

Many tenants approching the Housing Dept were offered Blackhill against their wishes with no alternative offer. The Housing Dept also used Blackhill as a "Transit Camp" for transient households, they branded it a disaster area.

GOOD LUCK to the tenants in Blackhill. For too long they have been blasted in newspapers and on T.V and graded as third class citizens. Its about time they had a break. "NOW ITS OUR TURN".

animals are now tame. What demoralising effrontery! Blackhill is a classic example of the failures of a system which created the problems in the first place. Nearly 50 years ago it was built as part of a slum clearance programme in the city. Our very distinguished City Fathers created this ghetto. Now the conditions there must rival those that brought the scheme into existence in the first place. The appall

COMMENTS

If you think that £10,000,000 is an awful lot of money to spend on Blackhill - its chicken- feed to the millions that the District and Regional Councils are considering spending on an air-conditioned gallery to house the Burrell collection of art antiques bequeathed to Glasgow umpteen years ago by an eccentric millionaire, on condition that they would not be housed in a smog-fog zone. How much will this cost the already overburdened rate-payers. Lets get our priorities right and keep them in their underground secret vault.

Meanwhile there is practically a life and death crisis in three city hospitals because of the lack of kidney machines. Patients are doomed to die unless money is forthcoming. £200000 is needed for Glasgow Western Infirmary alone, urgently.

To heaven with the Burrell Collection. There was nothing in the will to prevent them going on loan earning money abroad, instead of rotting underground.

Do any of you know if the Duke of Argyll got his £10,000 handout from the District Council for his fire ravaged castle at inverary? It was to be 'very sympathetically considered'. At the same time £47,000, is to be spent on the construction of showcases to display model ships in the Art Gallery.

HAVEN'T WE GOT A VERY ARTISTIC BUNCH OF IRRESPONSIBLE MONEY SQUANDERES IN THE CITY CHAMBERS.

Above and below articles from POSSIL POST - see also P. 7.

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HEALTH HAZARDS

A WOMAN'S LOT ?



DO YOU LIVE IN ROTTEN HOUSING CONDITIONS, such as Dampness, lack of repairs etc? What effects does this have on the family - relations between parents and children, husbands and wives? Another important factor contributing to strain in family life is unemployment and the day to day struggle to make ends meet. Everyone knows we should be eating a well-balanced diet, but due to lack of money and rising food prices most people just are not able to. Directly because of this body resistence to illness is reduced.

Living in damp housing does not help at all, and many people suffer all the year round from Colds,'Flu, Bronchitis, Asthma, and the biggest threat of all TUBERCULOSIS.

CONTRARY TO PUBLIC BELIEF TUBERCULOSIS HAS NOT BEEN WIPED OUT, in fact it is increasing. A recent survey at Viewport showed that the incidence of Tuberculosis has risen, and the doctors and nurses all agreed that Tuberculosis is on the increase because of soaring food prices, longer dole queues and sub-standard housing.

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PENILEE SCANDAL

"IT'S NOT BRICK'S & MORTAR IT'S PEOPLE THAT COUNT.

CLIVE HOUSE SEEM TO FORGET THEY ARE DECANTING COMPULSARY".

A group of tenants in Penilee are being hustled and manipulated by the Housing Management Department at Clive House.

As reported in GPP no.6, occupants of the 300 or so houses on the estate designated as 'tenements' have been the object of callous treatment by Housing officials.

The situation has not improved - if anything it has worsened. Mr. Joe McGunnagle. Chairman of the tenement dwellers ACTION COMMITTEE told a GPP reporter that the main concern on the part of Clive House is to decant the remaining 90 or so families as quickly as they can.

At first glance this may not seem so bad to the outsider who may not have any experience of what a DECANT really means.

What happens is that in order for modernisation to be carried out, the Council places at the temporary disposal of decanted tenants houses within their area - in this case G.52 (which includes Mosspark and Pollok). However, the problem arises when the 'decant' that is offerred is not up to the standard of the tenants own house. Many tenants have carried out improvements themselves such as installing points and they can recognise that the offers they are getting just won't cater for their needs.

The practice which Clive House is now operating means that after a few unsatisfactory offers there is "no option but to move" as Mr. McGunnagle put it, because they are threatened with court action (SEE THE LETTER REPRODUCED BELOW).

The other connected point as far as the decants afe concerned, is that the reconstruction work of the builders (Melville & Dundas) is already behind their stated schedule. This means that tenants have to endure sub-standard conditions for a lengthy period.

But this is not all.

The Housing Management Dept., despite their declaration to Tenants Association members in December 1974 that Penilee



a 'tenement' in PENILEE

was to be a "CLOSED SCHEME" (they have denied all subsequent knowledge of this, and the Minutes of the meeting are 'unavailable'), are carrying on to a ridiculous extent as far as eligibility for houses is concerned. You have the crazy situation where a person with 14 years on the List for a new house in Govan is given one in Penilee, against their choice. On the other hand Penilee tenants find it extremely hard to get a place in the scheme where they might have over 12 years tenancy.

On the 28th June, after a deputation had descended on Councillor Kelly's surgery, a meeting was arranged at which 2 officials from Clive House, Miss Lister and Mrs MacMillan, outlined how the Dept. was allocating houses in Penilee, these were:-

from a 4apt	to a 3apt	1961 tenancy
" " 3apt	to a 4apt	1967 tenancy
" " 4apt	to a 5apt	1965 "
" " 4apt	to a 4apt	1960 "
" " 5apt	to a 5apt	1964 "
" " 3apt	to a 5apt	1962 "
" " 3apt	to a 3apt	1950 "

This is for Penilee tenants, yet others from the outside are coming into the scheme on much less tenancy. However, as Joe McGunnagle stated the Penilee attitude - "it is the system and not the people coming in that we're angry with".

The Housing Dept. are playing at Divide and Rule, but the ACTION COMMITTEE are having nothing of it. This can't be said completely of the Tenants Association. Dissatisfaction at the T.A.s seeming greater concern for 'Block' house dwellers led in the first place to the formation of the Action Committee which decides its own plan of action while still taking part in the T.A. as a whole.

INHUMANITY

A particular case which has come to the attention of the Chairman, concerns the plight of an invalid brother and sister who at first appeared to have done better as a result of a decant. They were moved from a house up stairs to a ground floor property at 49 Tinmall Path in the scheme. Yet this was to prove only temporary. Incredibly no account was taken for their real needs, the Dept. Visitors who collect information on those to be decanted apparently have no interest in the welfare of a woman with Parkinson's Disease and her spastic brother. So, they were moved back whence they came.

Another case in Corse Rd. has shown insensitivity to a woman who needs a ground floor flat because she has had to have a leg amputated. This example merely typifies what amounts generally to a "BREAKDOWN IN COMMUNICATION" as the Dept. inhumanely and for bureaucratic procedure steamrollers its will over the real interests of people.

When taking up complaints at the PRO office in nearby Langstile Rd., Joe McGunnagle found that he required a'mandate' from members of the Action Committee. This he got at a special meeting and paradoxically this has brought results Thinking they were outflanking the Action Committee they have been concentrating on finding places for those that signed the mandate. Yet this doesn't present any problem since the Chairmen can get more mandates as the situation demands. There is also an indication of a lack of foresight in the practice of workmen kicking in doors in a close where at least one house is still occupied. A gas explosion or injury to kids could occur.

The other aspect of the whole situation, which is not peculiar to Penilee, is that if you're in a 'tenement' that's where you have to stay - it's something like the Indian caste system (no wonder the HQ is named after Clive of India !)

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29th June 1978

GLASGOW G52

Dear Sir/Madam,

As you are aware, this Department has made at least two offers of alternative accommodation which you have refused. These offers cannot be improved upon and I am, therefore, enclosing a Removal Notice which is a preliminary to Court action.

You will, however, receive at least one further offer of accommodation.

Yours faithfully,

J. Mac

Assistant Director (Rehousing)

CO-OP

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As the paper put it - "This is blatent discrimination and a slur on the integrity of the people of Possilpark". "Who's kidding who" the paper has stated in reply to his feeble reasons.



With the new Co-op Superstore under construction in nearby Barloch St. (see GPP no.1) the question has to be asked whether this policy of discrimination will be carried over to the new full and part time appointments that will be made.

Again as the POSSIL POST has put it, "We're good enough for them to take our money but not good enough to be given employment". In line with their enquiries, considerable evidence was also uncovered that customers had complained about the "discourteous and abusive" behaviour on the part of the managerial staff

Locally the question is "WHY IS SARACAN CO-OP OUT OF LINE" with general Co-op policy. BUT is it ? The G.P.P. asks for readers to send in evidence of Co-op'policy' in other areas.

Recently the Labour Government has imposed massive cuts in the Social Services and Health Service. Closing down hospitals is a direct attack on women. Most hospital workers are women, so when cutting back on jobs women go first. Nurses and other hospital workers are on the dole, and in the remaining hospitals substandard treatment due to lack of staff, and underpaid, overworked women workers, exists.

The cuts have taken their toll on women.Because of the rundown on the direct works department, these are the men who carry out the repairs on houses, many repairs are not being carried out.Also cuts in nursery education and hospitals, are forcing women back into the home.

What effect does this have on the women who is combined mother,wife, lover.nurse,cleaner housemaid and general slave?. One of two thing tranquillisers perhaps for the rest of her life, or a nervous breakdown. due to the lack of money, increased demand on your strenth, mentally and physically, and rotton housing conditions. Admission to hospital therapy, and then sent back home to face it all again. Treatment for you but none for the cause of the problems

Women must get together and organise and fight for better housing, more nurseries, and good living conditions.

Because of this women are being forced to look after sick relatives in the home, as the chance of a hospital bed gets less and less. Fewer hospitals mean longer waiting lists. For women themselves this means that if you have,say, a gynaecological problem, then you may have to wait for up to two years for admission. Two years of pain.

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MEN'S LIBERATION ?

G.M./ J.Q.

In the age of aquarius, as the mystics would have it, people will be free and equal, having discarded sex roles & worship of authority.

Yet this won't happen unless we make it happen. The false spectre of men's liberation has already been evoked either by sexual commercialism (see 'Cosmopolitan Man'(!)) or as a defense of 'machismo' rights over women as sexual objects and property.

However, amidst all this a genuine desire is emerging on the part of many men to remould the ir attitudes & actions so as to allow for non-oppressive relations with people.

The importance for women and gays of the insights of the new sexual politics has been in the area of self-awareness and organisation. For men it is the change in awareness that is crucial.

Contrary to what many think, this new self-awareness on the bart of men lies not so much in the discovery of male chauvinist attitudes to women but in new possibilities for loosening male heads. Our personality is riddled with insecurity, self-doubt and sexual fears, not to mention other nasties.

This is expressed as an over compensation in the form of obsessive & aggressive need to be right, to be obeyed, to be taken notice of. It is this which is coming open to question. No person is good enough to be another's master - this applies not only in the world of work but also in sexual/personal relationships.

Liberation won't come about by assuming guilt for the 'sins' of men, but as a consequence of acting differently - NOW and starting ourselves.

the irrational in politics

MAURICE BRINTON

Authoritarian CONDITIONING, and the sexual question makes a return to the columns of GPP (see no.2) with some extracts from a book by Solidarity (40p available from Bookshop Collective) which grapples with its origins.

In learning to obey their parents, children learn obedience in general. The deference learned in the family setting will manifest itself whenever the child faces a 'superior' in later life. Sexual repression — by the already sexually repressed parents — is an integral part of the conditioning process.

Rigid and obsessional parents start by imposing rigid feeding times on the newborn. They then seek to impose regular potting habits on infants scarcely capable of maintaining the sitting posture. They are obsessed by food, bowels, and the 'inculcating of good habits.' A little later they will start scolding and punishing their masturbating five year-old.

Their preoccupations are obviously determined by deep fears of their own sexuality.

How does the child react to this? He adapts by trial and error. He is scolded or punished when he masturbates. He adapts by repressing his sexuality. Attempted reaffirmation of sexual needs then takes the form of a a revolt against parental authority. But this revolt is again punished. Obedience is achieved through punishment. Punishment also ensures that forbidden activities are invested with feelings of guilt which may be (but more often aren't) sufficient to inhibit them.

The anxiety associated with the fulfilment of sexual needs becomes part of the anxiety associated with all rebellious thoughts or actions (sexuality and all manifestations of rebelliousness are both indiscriminately curbed by the 'educators'). The child gradually comes to suppress needs whose acting out would incur parental displeasure or result in punishment, and ends up afraid of his sexual drives and of his tendencies to revolt. At a later stage another kind of equilibrium is achieved which has been described as 'being torn between desires that are repugnant to my conscience and a conscience repugnant to my desires.'



Another frequent by-product of sexual repression is to split sexuality into its component parts. Tenderness is given a positive value, whereas sensuality is condemned. A dissociation between affection and sexual pleasure is seen in many male adolescents and leads them to adopt double sexual standards. They idealise some girl on a pedestal while seeking to satisfy their sexual needs with other girls whom they openly or subconsciously despise.

When the child's upbringing has been completed the individual has acquired something more complex and harmful than a simple obedience response to those in authority. He has developed a whole system of reactions, repressions, thoughts, rationalisations, which form a character structure adapted to the authoritarian social system. The purpose of education—both East and West—



It is obvious that if large sections of the population were constantly questioning the principles of hierarchy, the authoritarian organisation of production, the wages system, or other fundamental aspects of the social structure, no ruling class could maintain itself in power for long. For rulers to continue ruling it is necessary that those at the bottom of the social ladder not only accept their condition, but eventually lose even the sense of being exploited.

It would be wrong to believe that working people fail to revolt because they lack information about the mechanisms of economic exploitation. In fact revolutionary propaganda which seeks to explain to the masses the social injustice and irrationality of the economic system falls on deaf ears. Those who get up at five in the morning to work in a factory, and have on top of it to spend two hours of every day on underground or suburban trains have to adapt to these conditions by eliminating from their mind anything that might put such conditions in question again.

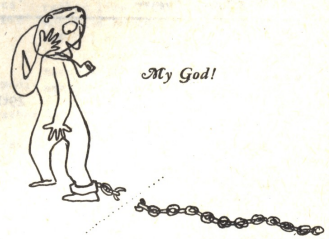
This sombre image has far more truth in it than most revolutionaries can comfortably admit. But in the last analysis it is inadequate. It is inadequate because it implies totally malleable individuals, in whom total sexual repression has produced the prerequisites for total conditioning and therefore for total acceptance of the dominant ideology. The image is inadequate.

In advanced industrial societies the persistent struggle of the young for what is sex life from the age at which they are capable of it—has succeeded in denting the repressive ideology, in bringing about changes and in modifying the ground on which the next stage of the struggle will have to be fought. Adolescents are breaking out of the stifling atmosphere of the traditional family, an act which could be of considerable significance. Information and practical help about birth control is now available, even to the non-married. The increasing financial independence of young people and the discovery of oral contraception provide a solid material foundation for the whole process. The attitude to 'illegitimacy' is gradually changing. The upbringing of children is more enlightened. Abortion is now more widely available, divorce much easier and the economic rights of women more widely recognised. Understanding is increasing. People are beginning to grasp that society itself engenders the anti-social behaviour which it condemns.

Modern capitalism not only tolerates these challenges' but converts them into essential cogs of its own expansion and perpetuation.

As modern youth breaks out of the dual stranglehold of repressive traditional morality and of the authoritarian patriarchal family it encounters a projected image of free sexuality which is in fact a manipulatory distortion of it. The image is often little more than a means of selling products. Today sex is used to sell everything from cigarettes to real estate, from bottles of perfume to pay-as-you-earn holidays, from hair lotions to models of next year's car. The potential market is systematically surveyed, quantitated, exploited. The 'pornographic' explosion on Broadway (New York) now caters for a previously repressed clientele of massive proportions and varied tastes. Here as elsewhere it is often a question of consumer research. Separate booths and displays are arranged for homosexuals (active and passive), for fetishists, for sadists, for masochists, for voyeurs, etc. Fashion advertising, strip-tease shows and certain magazines and movies all highlight the successful development of sex into a major consumer industry.

In all this sex is presented as something to be consumed. But the sexual instinct differs from certain other instincts. Hunger can be satisfied by food. The 'food' of the sexual instinct is, however, another human being, capable of thinking, acting, suffering. The alienation of sexuality under the conditions of modern capitalism is very much part of the general alienating process



The incessant questioning and challenge to authority on the subject of sex and of the compulsive family can only complement the questioning and challenge to authority in other areas (for instance on the subject of who is to dominate the work process—or of the purpose of work itself). Both challenges stress the autonomy of individuals and their domination over important aspects of their lives. Both expose the alienated concepts which pass for rationality and which govern so much of our thinking and behaviour.

The assertion of the right to manage one's own life, in the realm of sex as in the realm of work, is helping to disintegrate the dominant ideology. It is producing less compulsive and obsessional individuals, and in this respect



Cartoon from CHARLIE HEBDO, 28th February 1978.

GOING BEYOND PERMISSIVENESS

Like everything else which threatens to bring about radical change or which even challenges the existing social order itself, the sexual revolution which we hear so much about, was taken over and itself subverted before it had a chance. The 'free', 'swinging' sexuality of the 60s and 70s now exploits women and men through porno books and films, turning them into no more than and no less than objects of possible desire, hulks of flesh to be desired like pieces of meat. It sells everything from brassieres to brandy. A niple here, a niple their, 'things' happening after Badedas baths, melon shaped arses squeezed into denims just because Mr. Wrangler says so - the more things have changed the more they have remained the same.

Homosexuality may be talked about, may even be permitted, contraception is freely available, sex outside and before marriage is not only permitted but almost obligatory - yet has anything really changed ?

The answer must be 'no' - emphatically. Homosexual acts between men in Scotland are still criminal and, despite promises from the authorities, are still prosecuted. Homosexuals are still the subject of blackmail often by those who have taken part themselves in such acts. Contraception may be freely available but unwanted pregnancies still occur through ignorance. The unmarried mother is still the subject of serious discriminiation.

But the answer is not to be sought in the State or the authorities who could after all reform the Law of homosexuality, who could end discrimination. The REAL answer, one which is closer to the heart of the problem, lies in the morality of those about us. No where else is this morality more clear - no where is it more entrenched than in the question of marriage and personal relationships.

One in three marriages may well end in the divorce courts but as many people are still getting married, and a pattern of SERIAL marriage is emerging more and more clearly. One marriage of relatively short duration is followed by divorce followed by marriage followed by divorce followed by marriage, etc.,etc. The institution of our society clings like a leech even to those who would and do call for the destruction of the existing order. Where it does not cling it has been replaced by its 'swinging' or 'revolutionary' alternative (as with most so-called alternatives little more than a pale and watered down version of the real thing) - LIVING TOGETHER. The one to one relationship is unchallenged. The haven of security, sexual and emotional, the escape mechanism from the big bad and difficult world outside is preserved. Worse it is preserved in an atmosphere of utter hypocrisy which pretends that it is something different from what it really is.

Our society more and more has a tendency to isolate people from each other to disrupt for its own ends our social nature. The laundrette is replaced by the individually owned washing machine, the communal bus by the private car, the tenement by the rabbit hutches of the multis or council estate - and older than all the rest and much much more effective, free friendship (sexual and/or otherwise) by the family (& its alternative). Her Here our frustrations are taken out on those we are supposedly closest to, here we become masters and mistresses of our own little world, here we teach our children to do as they are told and not answer back, HERE, in short, we behave like a miniture puppet dictator. And our children grow up to do the same, And here too, and in living together situations, we have our own little piece of sexual security. If we can't get laid anywhere else we can always screw the wife/husband/partner -they do after all BELONG to us. And hell mend the world outside

Mike Stewart.



Cartoon from CHARLIE HEBDO, 28th February 1978.

'People pretend to be so enlightened about sex these days; they talk happily about copulation and such subjects, about adultery and homosexuality and lesbianism and abortions.

Never about masturbation, though. And yet masturbation is the commonest form of sex, and tossing off the cheapest and most harmless pleasure.' (The Hand Reared Boy by Brian Aldiss)

Ans so Aldiss goes on to describe the wanking life of his fictitious hero, Horry Stubbs, with a frankness that would probably make most of us choke if our best friend were to say over the first pint of the evening what a great wank he had last night. Of course, it would be alright if he were describing some 'great lay' or 'terrific ride' that he had - that is OK. But wanking? No way. A wanker after all is probably one of the worst ways in which to insult a man (always a man, women it seems might be loads of things but they are never wankers) and the implication is obvious. Only fucking - presumably fucking between men and women - is acceptable sexual activity. Anything else is only for kids and those who can't do any better and if you're one of those then just keep quiet and don't embarrass the rest of us. Let us know when you're gettinglaid and then you can join the men.

Our manliness, our virility is measured notby the size of our pricks (though that helps) but by how often we get laid and how many fucks we can manage in the one night and it doesn't matter what the state of any relationship is - whether it's merely taking advantage of one's partner, regarding them as little more than a piece of meat (bit of stuff, piece or ass etc) - no what matters, to the conventional bar room wisdom, is sheer physical performance.

The wanker, we are led to believe, is inadequate. He's the one who can't get laid, who can't score. "Not like me, I don't NEED to wank. I can pull chicks whenever I want." The wanker is therefore something less of a man than the rest of us.

The really depressing thing about such rubbish is that it works, it is accepted as true. Those of us who aren't getting laid regularly can see it what for what it is. We can see what a load of screwed up relationships surround us, can see that most sex talk is just so much bull shit. And yet .... this is the norm and therefoer it is what we are forced to want. And yet the wanker is condemned to silence and accepts the edfinition of himself as in some sense inadequate. It is a particularly vicious circle.

So if you haven't anyhting better to do this evening - and what could be better - have one off the wrist - and enjoy it. And remember the words of that great Chinese wit from the town of Wanking, 'Masturbation is counter revolutionary and plays into the hands of the reactionaries.' Good one, Chairman.

J ARTHUR

(Thoroughly recommended to all wankers - The Hand Reared Boy and A Soldier Erect, by Brian Aldiss - both available in paperback)

AXE TO GRIND

Rick Shaw on music



First of all, it is necessary to attempt to define MUSIC, a very difficult thing to do in non-musical terms. My definition would be that music is ONE OF THE MEANS OPEN TO EVERY ONE OF US TO COMMUNICATE EMOTION.

Over the years, rules and conventions have been imposed on music, something which has had two main effects (at least that's all I can think of at the moment), these being:-

1/ Playing of music has become the preserve of an elite who have devoted years to learning by rote these rulesr nd conventions and who are consequently unable to express emotion, (I 'learned' this way myself). I remember having a conversation with an orchestral musician who held her hands up in horror at my suggestion that, when playing say Beethoven, she had the right, if she thought a note other than that chosen by Beethoven sounded better, to play that note instead.

2/ It is nigh on impossible to express emotion within the rules of music.Thus music loses its main function. (This is a highly contentious point but is my theory until proven wrong).

Thus we have the previously mentioned 'Composer as God' attitude, one found especially in so-called 'Classical' music (and recognised as such: "The present day composer refuses to die" - Varese). The faults of this GRAVEYARD ETHIC was recognised by the late 18th century thinker William Codwin when he wrote: "ALL FORMAL REPITITION OF OTHER MEN'S IDEAS SEEMS TO BE A SCHEME FOR IMPRISONING? FOR SO LONG A TIME, THE OPERATIONS OF OUR OWN MINDS".

Attempts have been made, until recently only sub-consciously, to break down the walls which prevent the expression of emotion. Possibly jazz was originally an attempt to do this but rapidly built it's own walls. Each new phase of jazz arose with the same intention and went the same way, until the advent of Free Jazz with the Sun Ra Arkesta in the mid-50s, which rapidly became the rejection of rules as such.

Rock music too began with an onrush of emotion soon diverted into the dams of convention. Punk rock is merely the latest spectacle to satisfy jaded palates, and is not fundamentally different from other rock music. I'm concentrating on 'rock' for examples since its the form of music about which I am the most knowledgeable.

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Syd Barrett, the founder of Pink Floyd, several times went beyond the rock form, mainly to his being a catatonic schizophrenic. This condition unfortunately also seems to lead to imbalance, and much of his music is only psychadelic rambling.



Captain Beefheart's music with its indifference to conventional rhythm, timing and melodic conventions (not rejection since he never seems to have known the rules) is closely related to his peculiar lifestyle (rejection of schooling due to its tyranny, virtual illiteracy, etc.) and is the most potent example of somebody going beyond the field in which he has been classified in; order to create a seemingly irrational, eccentric, but very personal music.

My contention therefore is that 'great' music is never created within the conventions of a given form, only by going beyond it, by superceding it. British music - for want of a better term - in Rock, Jazz and 'Classical' forms has shown a careful regard for the rules and the result is stolid & bloody boring (Ian Carr's Nucleus as the perfect example).

FREE music then is a music which rejects previously defined structures in favour of that which is spontaneously generated in the course of a performance, pays attention for the first time to the surrounding environment and to the inter-relations between the performers; it is the music capable of shattering the dominant form, where the audience suspends its consciousness: to watch but but not to participate in the musical process.

It is a music rich in possibilities, those of the investigation of the potential and limitations of each instrument; a music constantly walking a tightrope between form and chaos and consequently creating a tension even in the audience. (It has been recorded that there is rarely coughing at a concert of free music !)

A start would be to set up a Musicians Co-op which would at least initially stress FREE MUSIC but would hopefully come to encompass other types of music.

music

Media KiLLs

HEADLINES...the media in Scotland ed by David Hutchison (EUSPB, £2.

Edinburgh University Student Publications Board (EUSPB) have produced some interesting titles in the past and their periodical New Edinburgh Review never ceases to stimulate so it is a real pity that they miss a good opportunity as they have do with 'Headlines'.

Nobody, well hardly anyone, needs to be told that the British media in general and the Scottish media in particular is poor and the argument often adduced by the media people that they only give the peoplewhat they want holds no water whatsoever. Audiences can soar for a good piece of investigative television such as 'Current Account's' much acclaimed programme on asbestosis and the million or so readers of the Daily Record would undoubtedly read another paper were they given any real choice. Scottish people were preparedcto give the ill fated Scottish Daily News a chance and it held good circulation figures when it looked like it was going to be an improvement on what else was available but when that illusion was shattered people, returned naturally enough to the devil theyknew.

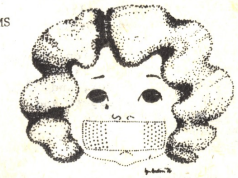
Which is really to say that an 'alternative' look at the Scottish media is long overdue. Unfortunately 'Headlines' is not it. There are, to be fair, some gems; Bill Williams heads a spirited attack on Scottish broadcasting; George Rosie writes as well as he ever does on the 'Scotch Comics' of DC Thomson (although he doesn't say much that he hasn't said elsewhere); David Hutchison himself provides some useful data on the ownership of the media and Bill Campbell, parhaps because his contribution is rather more specific than the others, gives an exemplary resume of the history of the early twentieth century paper 'Forward'.

The rest is what forces me to conclude that this book is on the whole a missed opportunity;- a superficial look at Scottish newspapers, a public relations job for public relations by a public relations man, an all too brief piece on Scots cinema which seems little more than a token anda contribution entitled 'Publishing' which devotes all of two pages to the contemporary scene.

The book as a whole raises a number of questions often by chance rather than esign butnever gets round even to attempting answers. This is most evident in the editor's own piece on 'TheAlternative Press'. If anything really needs looking at this is it. What really does 'alternative mean? Have we ever had a publication worthy of the description? If not why not? No attempt is made to answer these crucial questions. Yet Scotland has in recent years seen a number of publications all claiming to be alternative in some sense or other. Why have Scottish International, Calgacus, Glasgow News or Aberdeen Peoples Press all ceased publication? Why on the other hand have the West Highland Free Press and its offshoot the Lochaber Free Press survived? Why do other papers like 7Days and this one flounder to keep their heads above creditor infested waters?

A brief review is not the place to examine fully these questions but there are a couple of points which could be made. Firstly, few of the 'alternative' Scottish publications have been alternatives to the trad press either in content or in terms of offering areal alternative purchase to customers. Rather they have been additional, being weeklies or monthlies and have therefore been diacvantaged fromthe outset in being largely restricted to that section of the population which will buy an extra newspaper. Secondly, and this is probably more important, they have not been true alternatives in content. They have either been hopelessly elitist or evangelical or have been identified with a particular party or view-point, rather like 7 Days. Papers do not fold because they are radical or investigative. They fail because they are out of touch with their readershipand are irrelevant.

BOOK REVIEWS



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AS WE SEE IT...

The Glasgow Peoples Press attempts to be a:-

COMMUNITY Paper, reporting community action by people struggling against adversity.

ALTERNATIVE Paper, highlighting the changing nature of society and the growth of opposition to centralised power.

RADICAL Paper, showing how the system works & how to avoid being sucked in by 'reform'.

LIBERTARIAN Paper, in that real change only comes about by people taking decisions themselves to challenge authority.

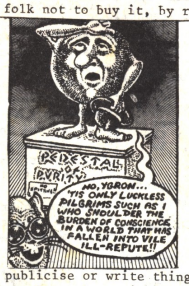
Of course, we are a long way from succeeding in fulfilling our aims. The paper could be a lot better, could come out more regularly, could reach more people. BUT this won't happen unless more people put themselves on the block. It's easy to be cynical and dismissive of other's efforts but just try for yourself - can you do better, if so we'd be glad if you would join us. Otherwise, the GPP won't carry on forever.

WE IN THE G.P.P. WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR SUPPORT AND SOLIDARITY FOR ALL COMMUNITY PAPERS WHO ATTEMPT TO PRODUCE A CAMPAIGNING AND INVESTIGATIVE COMMUNITY PAPER.

Like CASTLEMILK TODAY abd a few other papers in the Glasgow area, the POSSIL POST fulfills that very definite need. However, as is often the case when you print articles critical of those 'in AUTHORITY', they have been in a virtual 'state of seige' from their conservative critics.

'CONSERVATIVE' includes the the Labour Party and all who wallow at its feet. In Possil the old clique, which resisted printing anything mildly controversial has been ousted and opinions - both radical and conservative - are now found in its pages. The biggest outcry so far was back in February when an excellent article by Annette Connolly asserted a WOMEN'S RIGHT TO CHOOSE whether she required an Abortion. In retaliation for this smashing of SPUC myths on the subject the 'silent' campaign of authority figures in Churches, Tenants Associations, the School and Community Centre and Bob Innes the local councillor (see GPP 4), and his self-righteous minions.

As the POSSIL POST replied:- "We have been called 'Communists', 'Snoopers', 'Irreligious', 'Undemocratic' among other things, but this paper has ALWAYS been OPEN TO ANYONE AND EVERYONE to write and work in". In "telling you folk not to buy it, by refusing



to publicise or write things in the Post, by trying to intimidate us with threats of court action and by spreading lies and slander about us. They may not realise it but they are playing straight into the hands of the powers who want to stifle criticism, prevent injustices being exposed, and keep the community quiet and in its 'place'."

Small Ads

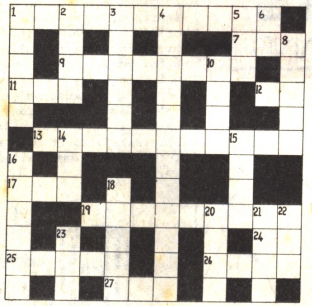
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FREE SCHULE: Box 3/GPP.



ACROSS

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7. THROUGH PROPAGANDA, AS A MEANS TO POWER, ADVERTISING MEN AND POLITICAL PIRATES NEED THIS (9)
9. FRENCH COMIC BACK WITHIN THE DISTANCE TO BE OF EFFECT IN STRUGGLE (6)
11. ONE OF BRODY AMOUS'S CHILD TRAINEE PRIESTS (3)
12. SITUATIONISTS BEGAN TO AFFAIR IN SPANISH (5)
13. ALL PAINE TO THE CREATIVITY OF THE MANIC (11)
16. THE FRENCH FEVER IS ALSO AN ANTI-NAZI ONE (6)
17. ONE MAY BE ABOUT FOR SOME TIME (3)
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24. OLD ENGLISH INTIMACY (2,4): IT ISN'T UP OR ANYONE ROUND (5)
25. SIEGE CAN BE BOTH DESTRUCTIVE AND CREATIVE ONES ACCORDING TO DARWIN (5)
26. THIS OLD HYPOCRITICAL GENIUS NEVER HAD A 'NIGHT AT THE OPERA' (6)
27. MAKE AN ASS OUT OF THE TRADESMEN'S SIGNALS (3)

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1. THE PARASITE IS A CAPITALIST (5)
2. ESSENTIAL PROP OF EVERY MUSIC-HALL ANARCHIST (4)
3. AND 18. TEACHER HOLDS SWAY LIKE WORKERS' OPPRESSOR (6,5).
4. TEAL REMAINS FINE TO GIVE US CHOICES (12)
5. SCOTTISH YES-MAN MIGHT SAY THIS (3)
6. THE REBEL MUST SAY THIS (2)
8. SEE 19 ACROSS
10. JOE WITH THE SHORT MARXIST-LENINIST? (6)
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20. THE MILITANT WING OF GOVERNMENT (6)

SOLUTION — NEXT ISSUE

Bookshop

The ALTERNATIVE BOOKSHOP COLLECTIVE is holding weekly meetings (Tuesday @ 7.30, 146 Holland St.) throughout the summer in a concerted bid to get the idea 'off the ground'.

We aim to establish a shop/meeting place which is is reasonably central for Glasgow & clydeside. We are keen to build up a fund which will help to set up the shop on a secure footing, in the near future. All welcome.

THE SOURCE INFORMATION SERVICE

Phone 946-3676.

FRIENDS OF THE EARTH: Co-ordinator, Bob Cannel, tel. 946-7841.

Bikes campaign: H.Ashton, 28 Gray St,G.3.
FOE Wildlife campaign: Drew Jones,108 Beith St.,G.11.
Energy group (anti-nuclear): J.Robins, Lennoxtown 311347.

GINGERBREAD (forsingle parent families) 38 BerkeleyStreet, tel. 248-6840.

GLASGOW WHOLEFOODS CO-OP: Arts Centre, Washington St.

GRYPS YOUTH INFORMATION AND COUNSELLING SERVICE 146 Holland Street, G2 332 5350

NATIONAL UNION OF SCHOOL STUDENTS David Lilburn 883 2493

SCRAM(Scottish Campaign to Resist the Atomic Menace): 2a, Ainslie Place,Edinburgh.3.

SCOTTISH COUNCIL FOR CIVIL LIBERTIES 146 Holland Street, G2 332 5960 (Phone or write beforehand)

SCOTTISH LIBERTARIANS: c/c Box @/GPP mailing address; tune into BREAD & ROSES, SOLIDARITY, BIG PRINT, ZERO & other papers.

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SHELTER HOUSING AID CENTRE 53 St Vincent Street 221 8995

UNITED KINGDOM IMMIGRANTS ADVISORY SERVICE, 47 Cochrane Street 552 3773

VD INFORMATION SERVICE 429 5976 (24 Hours)

WOMEN's CENTRE 57 Miller St 221 1177 Feminist books and contacts for the above groups. (During the summer women's liveration meetings will be held FORTNIGHTLY from Thurs 27 July until Thurs 28th Sept. There will be no regular Sat opening during the summer. If you have trouble getting anyone in at the Centre drop us a note and we will contact you.)

NATIONAL ABORTION CAMPAIGN Geri Smyth 424 4490

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL INDEPENDENCE GROUP Eveline Hunter 37 Clouston Street, 945 0744

RAPE CRISIS GROUP 331 2811 (6.30 - 10) mail c/o SCCL

SCOTTISH WOMEN's AID lois Hobbs 339 7451

BRITISH PREGNANCY ADVISORY SERVICE 273 NorthStreet

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU (head office) 212 Bath Street G2 331 2347

CLAIMANTS UNIONS
Federation of autonomous CUs throughout the city including; CASTLEMILK, GOVAN AND LILYBANK, daily activities contact 634 0819; HILLHEAD / PARTICK meets Thursdays at the back room of 'The Money Go Round" 29 Bank Street, 1.45 - 3.15; ALLGLASGOW MEETING Saturday, 29th July at 2.30 in the Community Room, Social Work Department, 15 Dougrie Terrace, Castlemilk

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL 47 Cochrane Street 552 4218

FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION 2 Claremont Terrace 332 9144



CASTLEMILK JEELY PIECE

"The problem of Castlemilk and places like it is not going to be solved by the Government or the Region pumping money and social workers. The answer lies in self-help. We are very sympathetic (!) but we know that sympathy does not help pay the bills". Says who, ho less than Albert Long, Cllr & Social Work Committee Chairman. Approached & lobbied by the JEELY PIECE CLUBS of Castlemilk, who cater for kids needs during the summer break, Long revealed that less money was to be available this year than last (£300 each Club, instead of £430). So much for sympathy indeed !

There's going to be less scope for the parents and teenagers who organise their own playgroups this ~~summer~~. A ~~long~~ summer with less jam !

OPPORTUNIST of the year must go to Councillor Rennie who 'represents' the Woodside area. In the wake of Andrea Hediger's murder, understandably the parents wanted to move. Rennie had the fairly simple task of arranging a special allocation of a house with the Housing Management Department. They were offerred a 'hard-to-let' house in Springburn. But with the election approaching the Councillor duly rang up the Papers - both local & Daily - to make sure they credited him with the action. Some of them never miss a trick !!



Gordon Rennie

Another doze of CULTURE SHOCK hit Woodside Halls on the 7th of July. The event was an opening concert of a regular chance for local bands to 'break-out' from the pub scene.

For 'openers', LOONEY TUNES, a 3-piece outfit in the Hendrix tradition, gave a more varied set than one might have imagined. Their own tunes were supplemented by Caravan, Outlaws and Chicago numbers. A bottle of limeade appeared to work wonders for their vocalist/guitarist's 'licks'.



After a break with cheesecake and nuts, CHOU PAHROT launched the 2nd half in their own zany, inimitable style which their 'cult' followers had come to experience.

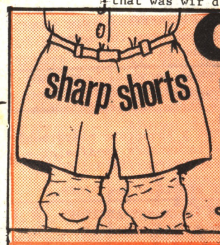
The interchange of shrilling notes between 12 string guitar/electric saxophone and violin was good enough to overshadow their theatrics at the beginning - seeing them for the first time they had novelty value. The lightshow was much better than expected & the bubbles, dinosaurs etc. fitted in with the general atmospherics.

STOP PRESS.....STOP PRESS.....

Glasgow Simon Community urgently needs volunteers to LIVE and work with Single Homeless people. Further details from:- 133 Hill St.,Garnethill (332-3448)

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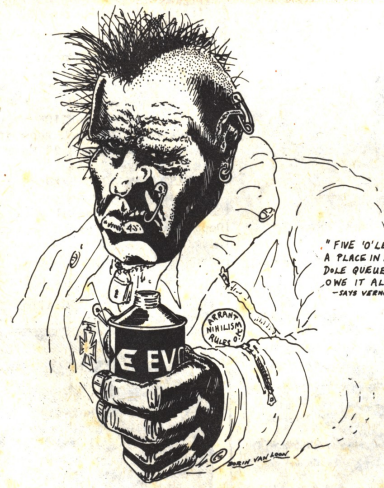
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and aa the people herdit oot to schemes
the haill riffraff population shunted aff
(aa sae docile wance you condemn thir hooses)
to ghettoes at the faur perimeter -
to hae the modern city par excellence
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Glasgow Peoples Press

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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT BRANCH

IN THEIR OWN WORDS (!); From 'Community Involvement' booklet (1974).

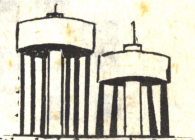
Like all good propaganda systems we start with the young by providing uniformed policemen to visit schools and advise on road safety and "never go with strangers". In this setting at the Primary School the policeman is seen as a "father figure", friendly and helpful. At the projects on civic responsibility and law enforcement engaged in by the older primary and first and second year secondary pupils police participation is as the representative of the law which must be respected.

Garthamlock

News from the columns of the local paper the G A Z E T T E.
Sent to the GPP - thanks '

" An advert recently appeared, tucked away in the "Tenders for Contracts" column of the Glasgow Herald, inviting tenders to build a playpark in Garthamlock. The contract is being offered by the District Parks Dept. Now play areas are obviously welcome but what is surprising is that the advert was in the papers only a few days after the first meeting of the Working Party* which was attended by representatives from the Parks Dept. but no mention was made to the community representatives about any proposed playpark. The first local folk heard of the proposal was in a business advert in the Glasgow Herald. That's consultation is it ?????????? Incidentally the Working Party was set up to improve communications and "..in order that a planned solution be evolved" & "..to foster the development..of residents involvement.."

From the same issue there was a report on a "Committee" of tenants to monitor the construction of the Monklands motorway through their area. Amongst the comments were reported:- "This the man from the Council said, is public relations. And so it was, The Region has called the meeting between their representatives, the contractors, and the local residents' representatives for 4.30 on a tuesday afternoon, which wasn't the world world's most convenient time, but never mind that's public relations for you....*there are no plans to insulate any of the houses in Coxton Pl. against noise of traffic or construction: * it is the averageamount of noise that is measured, so it may get pretty noisy for some periods each day..."



Garthamlock Gazette's Symbol.

Interestingly enough too, there was also a report that local petitions in favour of a 'Corporation' bus service (the Scottish Bus Group has a monopoly in this 'outlying' area !) were supported by "public statements" by local District councillors Ballantyne and Fulton. Yes that's right, Tom Fulton, one time supremo of Bus transport and their policy for 'outlying' areas (!)

A local highlight recently has been the play "Ghost" by Willie Downie and Freddie Anderson (see a poem of his in GPP 2). An exchange of plays with the Craigmillar scheme in Edinburgh has been arranged.

*(only announced in its appointment in P.1 of the same issue of the paper -no.1,April).

what's on.....what's happe

PUB MUSIK & MISCELLANY

Burns Bowff in West Regent St.

July Wed. 26th SCAPA FLOW.
" Thurs 27th MIDNIGHT RIDER.
" Fri. 28th LITTLE CONCERT BAND
" Sat. 29th (all day) ZHAIN
" Mon 30th DEFT JERKS.
music every night & all day Sat, throughout AUGUST.

Amphora in Sauchiehall St. - rock and big band music on different nights - details 332-2760.

Maggie in Sauchiehall St.

Mon./Thurs each week FREE DISCO Fridays and Saturday: alternates between UNDERHAND JOBES & SCREW, with SCREW on the 28th July....



JO-ANNE KELLY sings the blues, backed on guitar by Pete Emery, Friday 28th July at 8pm in the Cafe, £1 ticket.

HIS NIBS in Holland Street: All day saturday, Folk at teatime, Rock afternoon, Jazz at night.

VICTORIA BAR in Stockwell St.: informal folk music most nights.

THREE PIDGEONS, Sauchiehall St. & MARS BAR (off Jamaica St.): Rock music on selected nights, Sat. spot



ROGER McGOUGH, ex-Scaffolder with Glasgow poets, Liz Lochhead and Brian McCabe, in the CAFE, Sat. 29th July at 8pm, £1 ticket

CINDERS discotheque at Pattick Cross - Benalder St., Soul night Tuesday; GLASGOW REGGAE CLUB thursday night

FOOTBALL FOLLIES @ Firhill, Ibrox, Parkhead, Shawfield, Love St., Kilbowie , & of course...The Juniors. No events August - see overleaf.

STAR SOCIAL CLUB: folk night Thursdays @ Carlton Pl., T.U. Centre,

SCIENCE FICTION CLUB meets every thursday in Wintersgills, Gt. Western Rd. with Comic group on the Wednesdays, weekly at 8pm.

THIRD EYE CENTRE
Telephone 041 332 7521
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350 Sauchiehall St. Glasgow G2 3JD

CLASSIC 1

Sun. 23rd. for 7 days:
DIANA ROSS in LADY SINGS THE BLUES.
Sun. 3.00;7.20. Weekdays 4.00; 8.20.
"MAHOGANY"
Sun. 5.45 Weekdays 1.55;6.15.

ALL NIGHT SCIENCE FICTION SHOW

CHARLTON HESTON, EDWARD G. ROBINSON in SOLYENT GREEN.

JAMES GARNER in THEY ONLY KILL THEIR MASTERS
STUART WHITMAN, JANET LEIGH in NIGHT OF THE LEPUS.

Admission £2.00- ADULTS ONLY.

CLASSIC 2

Mon. 24 July for 6 days.
DUSTIN HOFFMAN, SUSAN GEORGE, "STRAW DOGS".
12.50,4.35,8.20.
PETER FONDA IN "FIGHTING MAD".
2.50,6.35.

LATE MOVIES; FRIDAY ONLY, 10.30

MIKE SHELL, "ROLLER DERBY".
PETER CUSHING, "TALES FROM THE CRYPT"

STREET & PUB SELL G.A.P.
2p COMMISSION ALL CARS, TEL. 946-3676.

GLASGOW FILM THEATRE
12 Rose St., admission 80p.

Mon. 24-Wed 26 July; 7.00 p.m
AMERICAN EXPLOITATION: CAPONE/ HEX.

Thu 27-Sat 29July; 6.00&8.30p.m.
PRIVATE VICES & PUBLIC VIRTUES.

Thu.29 June-Sat 1July; 7.00p.m.
AMERICAN EXPLOITATION: KNUCKLEMEN/WHITE LINE FEVER.

THE HARDER THEY COME(X)
Mon.31st.July/Sat5th Aug.
6.00-8.30pm.

JACKSON COUNTY JAIL(X)
Yvette Mimieux.
THE HONEYMOON KILLERS(X)
with Shirley Stoller.
Mon 7th Aug /Wed9thAug.

JUBILEE(X)-the punk version!
by Derek Jarman.
SEBASTIANE(X)
WITH Richard Warwick
Thurs.10/Sat.12th Aug.
7.00pm start.

DARK STAR(U)
by John Carpenter.
CRYSTAL VOYAGER(U) the famous surfing film.
Mon.14th./Sat 19th. Aug.
7.00pm. start.

THE INNOCENT(X)-Visconti.
Mon2Ist./Sat.26th.Aug.
6.00-8.30pm.

EQUUS(AA)-with Richard Burton
Mon 28th August/2nd Sept., Sat. @ 7.30.

NIGHTLIFE

PARKS
Summer Events.

ALEX NICOL, Children's Entertainer, appearing on:

July 24th., Richmond Park, 11.00
" " King's Park, 3.00
" 25th., Lochar Crescent, Pollock, 11.00.
" " Elder Park, 3.00.
" 26th., Govanhill Park, 1.00.
" " Linn Park, 3.00.
" 27th., King George Playing fields, 11.00.
" " Queen's Park, 3.00.
July 28th., Priesthill Playpark, 11.00.
" " Castlemilk Play Centre, 3.00.
" 29th., Tobago Street Playpark, 3.00.

ERICKO CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINER, appearing on:.

July 24th., Netherton Playground 11.00.
" " Springburn Park, 3.00
" 25th., Kennedy Street Playground, Townhead, 11.00
" 26th., Newhill Road Playground, Easterhouse, 11.00.
" " Tollcross Park, 3.00
" 27th., Dowanhill Park, Partick, 11.00.
" " Inchfad Playcentre, Drumchapel, 3.00.
" 28th., Greenfield Park, 11.00



July 24th, Knuckles, CustomHouse Quay, 12.30 -2.00.
July 25th., Greenock&District Silver Band, Queen's Park, 7.00-8.45.
" 26th., BeachcombersKelvingrove Park, 7.00-8.45
" " Gloo, Custom House Quay, 12.30-2.00
" 28th., Flash Gordon, Custom House Quay, 12.30-2.00
" " Kingsway Housing Area, Scoustoun, 3.00
" 29th., Knightswood Park, 11.00
" 30th., Harry Margolis, Queens Park, 3.00-4.45
" " Clydebank Burgh Band, Kelvingrove Park
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" The Screwtops, Custom House Quay, 12.30-2.00 July 27th.

July 31st.,-August 5th., Rowan Tennis Trophy, Bellahouston Park, (allweek).

August 2nd SNEEKY PETE, Custom House Quay between 12.30-2pm.

August 4th BEACHCOMBERS, Custom House Quay, 12.30-2pm.

August 5th @ 10.am. Flower arranging @ Pollok Park Dem. Garden

August 6th Bauldhouse Miners Youth band, Queens Park, 7pm. Knightswood Juvenile Pipe Band at Kelvingrove Park, 7pm.

August 7th, Johnny Burns Band 12.30-2pm, Custom House Quay

August 8th /9th/10th: Jim Craig & the Islanders @ 12.30-2pm Custom House Quay/7pm Queens Park/ 7pm Kelvingrove Park.

August 9th Flo Stevens Show, 7pm Kelvingrove Park.

August 14th Johnson Jazz 12.30 - 2pm, Custom House Quay.
August 16th Alex Dalgleish & His All stars, Custom House Quay 12.30
August 19th Open day, 10-4pm at Pollok Park Demonstration Gdn.
August 20th Winner of Strathclyde charities Band, 3pm Kelvingrove
August 23/24/25, at 12.30 Custom House Quay, Charlie Stew rt 4/ Haary Margolis/ Bill Moulsdale and his trad lads.
August 22nd Underhand Jones, 7pm Queens Park.

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Kibble Palace

BOTANIC GARDENS, Great Western Road at Queen Margaret Drive. River Kelvin Walkway. Main range of glasshouses contains a wide variety of plants and a noteworthy collection of orchids. The Kibble Palace has a unique collection of ferns. Opening times vary according to the time of year. Buses Nos. 1, 2, 11, 20, 58.

KELVINGROVE PARK, Off Sauchiehall Street. Pleasant walks by the River Kelvin or climb the granite staircase to the fine Victorian terraces overlooking the park. Skatepark. Croquet lawn. Nature trail. Buses Nos. 1, 6, 43, 44.

QUEEN'S PARK, Victoria Road. Named after Mary Queen of Scots who lost the Battle of Langside here (monument nearby at Battle Place). Floral displays. Glasshouses. Model yacht pond. Buses Nos. 5, 14, 43, 44.

BLYTHSWOOD SQUARE, Off West George Street. Laid out 1823. Surrounded by fine Georgian buildings, private garden in centre.

QUEEN'S CROSS CHURCH, (C.R. Mackintosh Society's headquarters), 870 Garscube Road (enter Springbank Street). Built 1897. Art Nouveau Gothic. Small displays. Open Tuesday and Thursday 12 noon - 5.30 p.m. Sunday 2.30 - 5 p.m. Buses Nos. 60, 66.



Provand's Lordship

PROVAND'S LORDSHIP, Castle Street (opposite Cathedral). The oldest house in Glasgow - 1471. Furniture and domestic articles of 17th/18th Cent. on display. Open daily except Sunday, April to September 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., October to March 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Admission 15p (children 5p).

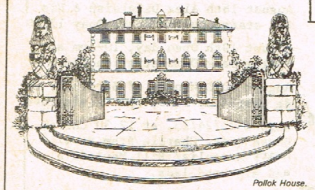
MITCHELL LIBRARY, North Street. Largest public reference library in Scotland. Special collection of books on Robert Burns, Scottish poetry, Celtic literature, music and the history of Glasgow. Open Monday/Friday 9.30 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Glasgow's weekend market - "The Barrows" - Kent Street/ Gallowgate. Visit, Saturday or Sunday, morning or afternoon.

HUNTERIAN MUSEUM in Glasgow University, Glasgow's oldest museum, dating from 1807. Houses Geological, Roman, Archaeological and Historical exhibits and collections. Coin cabinet viewed by appointment. Open, Monday/Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m - 12 noon. Admission free. Buses Nos. 10 and 59.

MUSEUM OF TRANSPORT, Albert Drive, near Eglinton Toll. Display includes the famous Glasgow trams, Clyde ship models, the oldest pedal cycle in the world, seven full-size locomotives, horse-drawn vehicles and cars dating from the earliest days of motoring. Tearoom. Open, Monday/Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sunday 2 - 5 p.m. Admission free. Bus No. 59.

PEOPLE'S PALACE, Glasgow Green. Contains a fascinating visual record of the history and life of the city. Open, Monday/ Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sunday 2 - 5 p.m. Admission free.



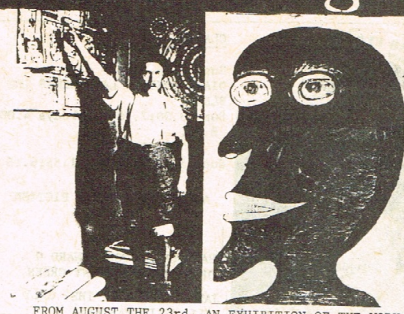
Pollok House.

POLLOK HOUSE. Main gate and driveway for cars at 2060 Pollokshaws Road. Fine house in lovely parkland. Designed by William Adam in 1752. Contains paintings by El Greco, Goya and Murillo, silver, porcelain, furniture, etc. Park has a fine herd of Highland Cattle, Jogging Trail and Rose Garden. Open, Monday/Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sunday 2 - 5 p.m. Tearoom. Admission free. Buses from Midland Street.

HAGGS CASTLE, 100 St. Andrew's Drive - a museum created with children in mind. Learn about life long ago through displays, activities, workshops and reconstructed gardens. Open Monday/Saturday 10 a.m. - 5.15 p.m., Sunday 2 - 5 p.m. Admission free. Bus No. 59.

CROOKSTON CASTLE (ruin), off Brockburn Road. 15th Cent. stronghold associated with Mary Queen of Scots. Open April/September, Monday/Saturday 9.30 a.m. - 7 p.m., Sunday 2 - 7 p.m. October/March, Monday/Saturday 9.30 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sunday 2 - 4 p.m. Small admission charge. Buses from Midland Street.

CATHCART CASTLE c. 1450 (ruin), Linn Park. One of the old KEEPS of Scotland. Nearby is Queen's Knowe associated with Mary Queen of Scots. Buses Nos. 66 or 67 to Old Castle Road off Holmlea Road.



THE 32nd EDINBURGH INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL takes place between the 20th August & the 9th September. For details of the FRINGE programme send a 9½p stamp to Box EP, Fringe Society, 170 High St., Edinburgh EH1, or drop in at the 3rd Eye Centre.

Third Eye Centre, 350 Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow G2 3JD. Telephone 041-332 7521.

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KARL BLOSSFELDT
Photographs
24 June - 28 July

Third Eye Centre will be closed from 8 - 15 August for maintenance and decoration.

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EXHIBITIONS

Collins Exhibition Hall,	(041) 552 4400
Until July 29	*Inside Story:* taxidermy from C.18
Compass Gall., W. Regent St.	(041) 221 6370
August	Mixed exhibition
Dolphin Arts Centre, Jas. St.	(041) 554 7449
Jly 2, Aug. 6, Sept. 3	Outdoor craft mkt. Suns. 11-5
Hunterian Mus., Univ. Glw.	(041) 339 8855
Until July 29	*Out of the Wild:* domestication
August 15-October 7	Impressionist and post-Impressionist print
Kelvingrove Art Gall. & Mus.	(041) 334 1134
May 18-September	Rodin and his contemporaries: bronzes by Rodin
May 18-September	*Edwardian Summer* clothes frm. upper mid clss. from period
Pollok House, Pollok Pk.	(041) 632 0274
Until September	*Eating & drinking in 18th cent.*
Scot. Des. Centre, St. Vinc. St.	(041) 221 6121
July 18-August 12	Design Awards
July 24-September 16	What is good design?

DAY OUT

THE LATE HARRY KEIR's collection of drawings on the GLASGOW way of life move to THE PEOPLES PALACE in Glasgow Green from the end of July, throughout August - a unique show !

CALDERPARK ZOO

ZOO HOURS
The Zoo is open every day of the year.
9.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. or 7 p.m.

ADMISSION CHARGES
Adults 70p Children 30p
Guided tours are available free—daily April to September
Senior Citizens 30p

HAGGS CASTLE
Summer programme:-

Thurs. 27th @ 10.30/2.30
BANNOCKS & BUTTER
Aged 8 and over.

Sat. 29th @ 10.30/2.40.
SAMPLER SEWING
Aged 9 and over.

Thursday August 10th/ Friday 11th @ 10.30 :
WORK FOR ARTISTS
Secondary schoolkids 13 and over.

Sat. 12th August @ 2.30
STARWEAVING
Aged 6 and over.

Sat. August 19th @ 10.30/2.30 :
SAMPLER SEWING
Aged 9 and over.

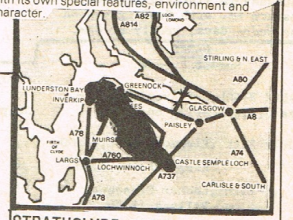
DRAMA CLUB performances @ end of July - phone for details.



OBAN & N. WEST

Covering 14 miles of countryside, the Clyde-Muirshiel Regional Park stretches in a broad sweep from Lochwinnoch to the Clyde coast at Cloch Point.

Its 30,000 acres embrace a complex of parks, each with its own special features, environment and character.



STRATHCLYDE PARK

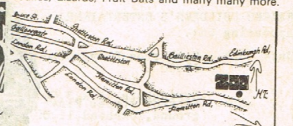
Watersport on a new man made 200 acre loch
Nature Interest, Bird Sanctuary

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Organised parties of twelve or more persons are entitled to special party rates of
Adults 50p Children 20p

FEEDING TIMES
In summer feeding times are between 3 p.m. and 4.30 p.m.

The collection now includes: Lions, Leopards, Black Panthers, Jaguars, Cheetahs, Polar Bears, Indian Elephant, White Rhinos, Gibbons, Lemurs, Capuchins, Wallabies, Llamas, Parrots, Cockatoos, Snakes, Crocodiles, Lizards, Fruit Bats and many many more.



HOW TO GET THERE
Calderpark is situated six miles from the centre of Glasgow on the A74 Glasgow—Hamilton Road immediately before its junction with the M74 Glasgow—Carlisle Motorway. (See map overleaf).

It is easily reached by bus or train (Uddingston Station) from Glasgow City Centre.

Anderston Bus Station—40, 44, 56, 240, 241.
Buchanan Bus Station—52, 53, 54, 55.

GLASGOW PEOPLES PRESS

plus "what's on"

SEPT. NO.9

10p

COP THIS!

NEW DEAL FOR POLICE....

BAD DEAL FOR US!

Police pay will have increased by an astronomical 40% by this time next year. This much heralded increase gives p.c.'s over £86 per week now, with more coming next September, plus a rent free house of course.

The effect of such a huge increase- well above the 5% for the rest of us- is easily recognisable. For the first time in 3 years recruitment of police in Scotland has increased during the summer period rather than decreased. Their morale was supposed to be low- well they're laughing all the way to the bank now! And they have also dropped their 'demand' for the right to strike. Amazing how lolly influences.



BAIRD ST. POLICE STATION "BEHIND BARS"

Harry Ewing , underground secrecy of state, says that massive pay rises are not the only factors that are attracting 'people' to the police force. "There are other attractions such as job satisfaction and doing a job for the community."

WHO IS HE TRYING TO KID!

Once again we see that the State goes hand in hand with the forces of oppression - the so called Labour government and the police

On the other hand, they play a 'soft' game too,

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THE NEW MARYHILL POLICE STATION



watch out : there's a dangerous drug about

It is known that the contraceptive injection DEPO-PROVERA is being used in Glasgow, by the Family PLanning Association, the Domiciliary Service and at maternity hospitals in the city.

The drug is not licenced for long term use in Britain, it's been banned in the U.S.A., it is UNSAFE.

In 1975 contraceptive pills containing a similar progestagen to that active in DP were withdrawn because it was discovered that the substance caused cancer in beagle bitches. Now we find a similar chemical used fairly frequently in another form,since the pills Volidan 21 and Serial 28 were taken off the market.

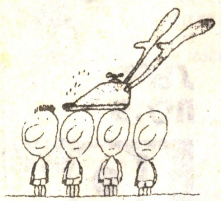
Each DP 'jag' lasts for 3months but should only be used in either of 2 circumstances:when a couple are waiting for the man's sperm count to reach zero after a vasectomy op., or when a woman has been immunised against German Measles and it is /

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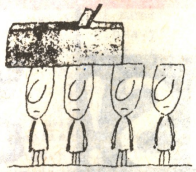
PEUGEOT: WHO RULES!



LINWOOD WORKERS, EVEN IF PRODUCTION IS TO CONTINUE, WILL FACE A NEW SET-UP WHEN THE PEUGEOT-CITROEN COMBINE MOVES IN.

In a recent publication * the experiences of fellow car workers in France is charted. Anything from an internal spy system, 'persuading' workers to join a pro-management Trade Union and, the use of hired thugs

With this system in operation, it is not surprising that productivity is 50% greater again than UK Chrysler (12.0 compared with 8.2 vehicles a year, as the 'rewards of exploitation'). This is reflected in the profit figures - £169 m. in 1976 & steadily increasing, compared to the £532,000 loss in 6 months this year by Chrysler UK.

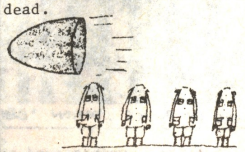


However, the pamphlet does not concentrate on what is usually called 'economics', but on the way the Peugeot management ensures minimum disruption to production on the line.

Since 1968, the year of revolt, Peugeot have been hypersensitive to the tendency of workers in advanced technological production to resort to all means of controlling the speed of the line & other ways of contesting the power of the 'order-givers'.

Im 1968, despite a strong legacy of paternalism & and the fact- that the Company supplies housing, and social facilities in one giant industrial prison (42,000 people are employed in the area of Sochaux in eastern France), Peugeot was occupied.

In this case, the CRS (French riot police) won a'victory' . They attacked the occupation at 3 in the morning and the battle left 3 workers dead.



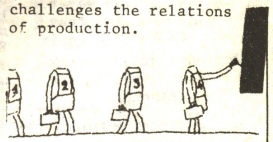
Another important strike in 1969 by a group of workers in a strategic position - spray painters - forced a total shut-down & won concessions on sickness benefits.

Determined that this was not going to be the patte ern of future 'industrial relations', the Peugeot firm have installed a system of employing a force of mercenaries (mostly from past Algerian campaigns) whose function is to inform on people not submitting to the dictates of productivity. In exceptional circumstances they are used to physically intimidate and break up strikes.

This has not worked totally, however, and small scale strikes still errupt. Also important, these thugs are also partially a law unto themselves & indulge in criminal activities in the wider community. There have been instances where they have disrupted production themselves, in order to fabricate dissent.

In all this the Trade Unions are less of a force than is the case in Britain. It could even be argued, that it is the failure of the Unions to occupy a strategic position vis a vis bargaining with the employers that necessitates a more overt way of control by Management.

There is a catch 22 situation in this instance. It is precisely the fact that the 'old-fashioned' ideas of the Peugeot management tradition (in commom with other French firms) that has helped create a minority role for Unions such as the CGT. In contrast with the closed shop in Britain & in other countries of car production, the Possibility of dissent taking 'explosive' forms has persuaded Peugeot to adopt a repressive policy towards anybody, especially known 'activists', who challenges the relations of production.



Anyway, this is only a skeleton outline of:-* SOLIDARITY MOTOR BULLETIN NO.8 "Chrysler Workers Beware: Peugot destroys all known activists". This pamphlets only 10p is available through the SOURCE (tel. 946-3676) or via GPP, 146 Holland St(17p)



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AS WE GO TO PRESS THE ALTERNATIVE BOOKSHOP COLLECTIVE IS ON THE THRESHOLD OF A NEW ERA. However, at this stage we cannot yet confirm that spacious premises in the centre of town have been fixed up. ABC meeting @ 7.45 at 146 Holland St. Sept. 5th & 19th to confirm

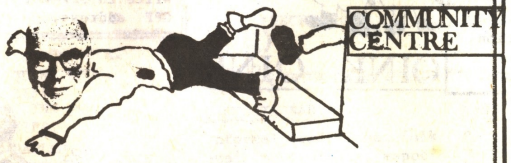
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Wanted - PEOPLE to distribute & sell in Schemes/Southside/etc. tel. 946-3676) 3p commission.

CASTLEMILK Centre FORWARD

Readers may remember a report in GPP no.7 of the undemocratic procedures used by Education Department Officials against certain members of the Community Centre.

Although the official reason for Mr. Absolom's move is, "a change around of staff", there can be little doubt that his ~~beh~~ aviour has in fact been so much of an embarrasment to his bosses that they have decided to deploy his considerable talents elsewhere - Priesthill, beware !



Since then we are happy to report the suspensions on these members have been lifted and such measures have now been restricted by order of the Director of Education.

This has been accompanied by the departure of Mr. Absolom, Area Organiser in the Community Education Service, and who in the past had been a principal aggressor in the oppressive regime.

These changes have only been achieved after continuous pressure on senior Education Department officials by concerned groups & individuals in the Centre.

Another step forward is a complete review of the Centre's function & role in the community.

Despite these apparent successes, remnants of the reign of terror remain. Some of the old guard in the centre find a transition to democracy difficult to adapt to. And sad to say, their prejudices are nurtured by the unenlightened Warden of the Centre, Mrs. Banks.

The struggle continues.....

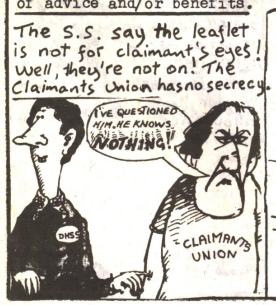
'Fresh Milk'.

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ISSUES OF DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SECURITY BOOKLET "FAMILY BENEFITS AND PENSIONS"

This booklet is NOT intended for issue to the general public on the same basis as normal National Insurance leaflets, that is, on demand.

It has been prepared especially for Social Workers, Welfare Workers, and other members of Voluntary Societies whose work brings them into contact with those persons who are in need of advice and/or benefits.

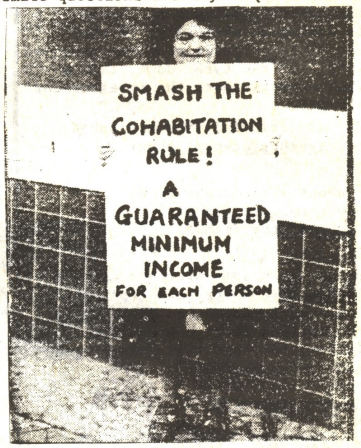




" Because of the unorthodox nature of their duties, Special Investigators are liable to cause embarassment to the Ministry in their contacts with members of the public. "

HUMILIATION

The present Supplementary Benefits Scheme is a direct descendant of the Poor Law which discriminated between the 'deserving' and the 'undeserving' poor. Both schemes have been extremely effective in deterring people from claiming. It's no good liberals talking about people being 'too proud to claim'. The Supplementary benefits system deliberately sets out to deter people from claiming, and it does this most effectively by humiliation. Anyone who has been forced to claim SB for any length of time will tell you how it feels to wait in the horrid waiting rooms. To have one's name blared out over the loudspeaker. And then to endure in a small cubicle with the chair nailed to the floor the most intimate questions about your personal life.



The D.H.S.S. employ hundreds of so-called 'special investigators' to spy on claimants. Special investigators sit outside our homes in cars. They watch who comes into our homes and who leaves. They follow any 'suspects' to their home or place of employment. They question neighbours, children, postmen, shopkeepers, milkmen and other tradespeople. They check with other government departments and with the police.

Special investigators often force their way into your home on some pretext or other. They then look around for some 'evidence' of a man's presence, such as clothing or toiletries. Many women are persuaded to sign prepared statements, after being intimidated by the false caution that

SEX SNOOPERS



"Anything you say may be written down and used in evidence against you". Women are told that they have committed a fraud and are liable to prosecution. They are then told to hand over the allowance book which is usually torn up in front of them.

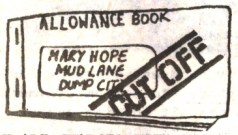
WHAT TO DO IF YOU SPOT A SEX SNOOPER:

Take the car registration number and phone the police stating that the car owner is acting suspiciously. If the police or other evidence confirms your suspicions, let the tyres down, take a photograph or intimidate the investigator in some way.

Always be suspicious if you are asked to make a fresh statement about your household circumstances.

Be wary about questions such as:
'Have you seen.....lately?'
'Has ....been staying here?!
'Have you had any visits from.....?'

When dealing with special investigators it is always wise to try and tape record their conversation with you. Ask them lots of questions about how they got their information, and their views about relationships in general.



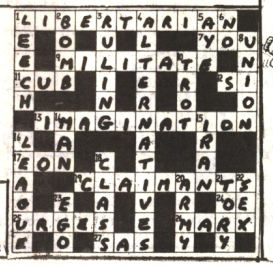
IF YOU ARE CHARGED WITH FRAUD :

Refuse to sign or make a statement. Say nothing at all. Insist on taking legal advice.
Demand that the social security visitor leaves your home immediately, if he has come on some other pretext.
Refuse to hand over your book.
Remember that the social security have to prove their case in court, and that in fact very few cohabiation cases ever get this far. (If they did then it would show what really dirty work these special investigators do.)

If the S.S. do charge you with fraud then contact your local Claimants Union, see source for address.

CROSSWORD ANSWER FOR GPP NO. 8

NEXT CROSSWORD WILL APPEAR IN GPP 10.



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APPLYING FOR A COUNCIL HOUSE ?

Drumchapel CU Leaflet: Send SAE to Camus Pl. Centre, Airgold Dr. GLASGOW G15 Donations/ members welcome.

from pp 1.
with 'Community Involvement' & other approaches.

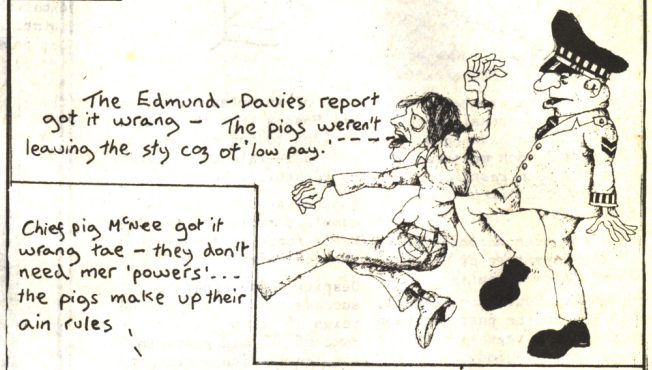
There's now going to be more pigs in the streets interfering and trying to push us about, but there's only 5 years to 1984!



from pp 8. There is no justification for the use of DP. The whole issue is open to abuse by doctors and the state- as a means of enforcing a breeding programme of population control.

I would like to hear from women who have had the 'jag', esp. those from Blackhill and the East End. IN CONFIDENCE. Write to Doreen, at the GPP address.

OINK OINK!



PUB ROCK

AMPHORA

Fri 2 SKROO.
Sat 3 bears.
Mon 5 ABANDON YOUR HEAD
Tue 6 QUINN SNUG
Wed 7 CUBAN HEELS
Thu 8 BEYOND THE FRINGE.
Mon 11 NECROMANCER.
Tue 12 QUINN SNUG.
Wed 13 ZIPS.
Mon 18 QUINN SNUG.
Tue 19 ZIPS.
Wed 20 HARLEM.
Thu 21 UNDERHAND JONES.
Wed 27 GAMBLER.
Thu 29 UNDERHAND JONES.

THE MAGGIE.

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Saturdays, UNDERHAND JONES
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Sat 3 BROTHER JACOB.
Sun 4 DAVE PATTERSON BAND
Tue 6 CHICO.
Wed 7 ZIPS.
Thu 8 MIDNIGHT RIDER.
Sun 10 Hemeroid.

CURLERS.

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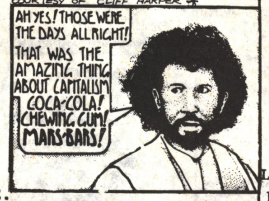
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Women+Science-27 Sept. 7.30
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AXE TO GRIND

Dedicated followers of fashion are conned by the media to lap up the goodies the consumer society serves up for them. Commodity fetishism ya bass ! In this unsolicited contribution from Deirdre W. of Kilmarnock, she writes on her feelings towards Fashion & conformity.
(The axe to grind column, like the paper in general is open to YOU to contribute).
SCRUFFS UNLIMITED
(GPP Collective)

HOW TO WEAR A HACKING JACKET AND INFLUENCE PEOPLE.

"Gee" I said to a friend, "I wish I had a hacking jacket and then I would be a big hit with the boy boys".

"I wish I could hack" said my friend, causing considerable alarm in a busy Glasgow steets with her antics with an invisible axe.

To-days society demands that we meet a certain standard, we do not kill people ,its a"no no" to b ater dogs/children/wifes and its an offence against good taste for consenting men to fall in love with each other.....

Yet if you want to succeed in life wear the right clothes - not such a daft idea as you may think. Open up any women's magazine and you find beautiful women wearing a " you-to-can-look-like-this" smile and matching dress, and then turn to the back you find the agony columns full of - I am 13 stones and always look a mess and my husband sleeps in a separate bed. I can't afford to dress like a model, tell me what can I do to keep my man".

There's a breakdown in the line somewhere. And it is society's fault. I won't go on the hacked to death soap box saying that we are conditioned by the media to think alike. But when walking down a busy street you can't tell a communist from a tory but some one who follows fashion a scruff. I happen to be scruffy and I find life hard.

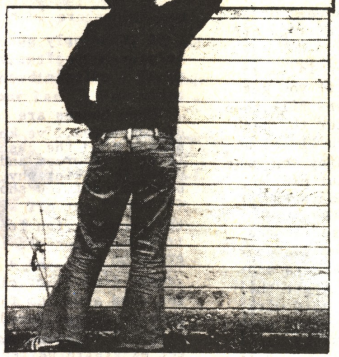
I take the notion that I am a free thinker and I am comfortable in combat jacket and jeans.

It was once said that I scared people because of my appearance and political views. I could easily answer that girls who wear hacking jackets and peasant skirts scare me as life for them is orderly and ready made.



revolutionary force

Children are a bloody nuisance



Children are the enemies of alienation. They don't fit into schedules. Doctors and nurses draw up timetables for looking after babies and then parents feel inadequate because the babies don't conform. Childcare is a drag on women not only because it's done in isolation but because it always has to be done against the clock, to fit in with shop hours, men's or their own job hours, school hours, clinic hours, bank hours, post office hours, welfare hours, and its impossible.

No matter how many day cares they set up and how much maternity leave they introduce, children's needs will always be in conflict with bureaucrats' and bosses' needs; children will always be an obstacle to achieving those things which are so highly valued, and often economically necessary, in this society.

Whatever we think in principle, the left joins with capitalism in rewarding childlessness. Its politics are recreational, based on the male employee's schedule, since it was men who started the left, and we follow the same patterns today despite women's liberation — you go to meetings after hours and on weekends and you do things that cost quite a lot of money, like printing leaflets, because your money is yours to dispose of.

The issues concentrated on are mostly concerned with jobs or with comparatively remote things like frame-ups or foreign wars, seldom with the needs of families except as they relate to the wage-earner. Parents who can't get to meetings or who can't do their share of the leaflet producing, etc., or contribute money to the cause are made to feel like passengers.

Instead of the left seeing its childlessness as a weakness, it sees parents as insufficiently revolutionary or it just ignores them altogether. One woman writes (in support of abortion): "I don't think a single woman with kids is in a good position to be fighting the State." She offers revolutionary women the same choice as does capitalism: marriage/cohabitation or childlessness (dismissing communal childcare as something we haven't got yet) — only now it's imposed in the name of the revolution. She, like the rest of the left, doesn't know what fighting is. A single woman with kids is fighting the State with her very existence. The State hates her like poison. It stigmatizes her children, degrades her at the welfare office, labels her a social problem, and blames homelessness on "marriage breakdown" (society can't afford for women to have their own territory).

Staying Childless

The State can afford to liberate childless women as they'll always be the minority. You don't fight women's oppression by staying childless, you just lessen it. Of course a woman who doesn't want kids shouldn't have them just for political reasons, but neither should she tell those who do want them that it's unrevolutionary to have them.

The real reason why housewives (including single parents on welfare or men who stay home while their wives have jobs) are dismissed by the left is that we are outside the power strucutre. No one in authority had to approve us for the job, we require no licence to do it (though plenty would like to introduce it, and the State's power to steal children is a negative kind of licence), we can organize our own work without a supervisor.

I think we should organize more private communal child care instead of pressuring for more State or industrial day care, which are not the same as "community child care," although some leftists talk as though they were. Institutionalized day care that frees parents to join the alienated work force really isn't freedom for women, men or our children. It's freedom for robots.

What we should do is try to bring work patterns into harmony with child care. That means more self-employment, job-sharing, part-time and casual work, growing your own and doing it yourself to cut down on wages needed, going to the land — squatting if it's necessary; everything, in fact, which is liberatory.

Power Politicos

The hard left considers all these things irrelevant, and self-employment down right reactionary. In this, as in the matter of children, it shares the values of capitalism which weights everything—respectable status, benefits, opportunities—in favour of the long-term, full-time employee and makes others feel almost like criminals (which they literally are in Communist countries). The hard left is composed of power-oriented people who identify with union leaders and commissars even when they theoretically disapprove of them; after their sort of revolution they would just be union leaders under a different name and they don't like intractable human material.

Whatever their politics, most low-grade workers hate work and you're much more likely to encourage this **natural** source of revolutionary energy by offering the hope of some life and freedom now than by fantasizing about mass occupations, general strikes and revolutions 20 years in the future.

Communes and the like are justly derided when they consist of rich, leisured people who have no trouble buying houses and land, and imagine that their example will inspire the State to dissolve itself and the ruling class to give up their excess property without a fight. It's much harder for poor people to form communes—the State's housing policy shows that it's aware of the revolutionary potential of communes and the repressive power of marriage. But we must start and are starting to do it, by squatting and treating council estates as communes. This makes it easier to survive on less wages and without child care which is alienated, inconvenient and inadequate (no evening and weekend care).

We should make our politics revolve around our daily lives, not restricted to after-job hours. (Every couple knows that when a meeting or demonstration is on, it's the person who stays home with the kids who's working, making a sacrifice, and the person who participates in the so-called struggle who's having a good time.) We should reject the bureaucratic politics taken up most typically by those who don't mess up their lives with anything so untidy and uncontrollable as children.

(This is a condensed version of an article written by Mme de Stael in the British magazine **Anarchy**, "Children are a Bloody Nuisance/Revolutionary Force"



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YET ANOTHER CUTTING FROM A KIRKINTILLOCH HERALD OF 1892 !

ELECTRICITY

Dear G.P.P.

I was interested to read the article about the Electricity Board in no 8.As a clerk in the debtors section of an SSEB area office,I feel I can offer some info. on how to manipulate the SSEB.Give them a taste of their own medicine!

Obviously the only thing that'll help 99% of those in arrears is hard cash,but however desperate you are dont borrow from Provident or any other lending firm-you'll be paying them back for years.

Get a copy of the Fuel Industries Code of Practice-and quote it at them.Sometimes talking to a clerk will buy you more time than their supervisor-but if it looks as though you only need a week or so talk the hind legs off the boss.

No action is taken on debt until you get a red Arrears Bill,then 10 days after the date of issue you'll get a letter warning you that you'll be cut off in another 10 days.Pay the arrears part now and you'll get 4weeks to pay the current part.

Single parents and claimants can get their electricity paid with exceptional needs grants from the DHSS or Social Work Dept.If that fails ask to go on fuel direct they'll take £1.50 or so off your weekly benefit and pay it direct to SSEB This way you lose control of your money but you wont be cut off. If you come off DP you have to pay your arrears within the month.

OAP's can legally be cut off between March and September,but not in the winter months.You can still freeze to death in April in Glasgow.

If you're man leaves you refuse to pay his debt -you're not responsible for it,especially if you were staying with relatives at the time,because of the bad atmosphere in the house.

Get the supply put in your name after the final reading's been taken.

When houses are disconnected,I've known people find the cash,pay it at a showroom and phone up asking why you've been cut-off.You should manage to get off with the reconnection fee. If you are cut off in error GO DAFT,see a lawyer councillor,claim for dead aquarium fish, deffosted food,fused lights.I've known people get ex-gratia payments for all these things. There's little physical defence against disconnection when the fuse-box is in the common close,because they dont need a warrant. You could delay it for a couple of hours by leaving a note and making a last stand at the SS/Social Work/SSEB office.Fuses are easily obtainable at the Barrows but a lot of people with grudges write anonymous letters,and make phone-calls.It's also illegal to steal electricity!

I've known people forge rent books to get the supply in a false name, get goods in that name and do a moonlight. Reconnections are also made for new tenants, but you may need to pay a deposit.

Try not to buy goods on HP,if you fall behind with



the payments they can repossess.On Extended Credit the goods are yours immediately.If it goes to court and you're not working they cant do much The SSEBdont do Warrant sales.

Also, Legal and Trade Protection are a debt collection and tracing agency who get commission from the SSEB according to how much debt they recover.

So tread warily,and cover your tracks

OUT NOW !!
Claimants Fuel Guide, booklet, 10p + post, 29 Bank St.

poetical justice ?



Bear Sir I must advise you that
your house is going to be knocked flat.

Your street is just a bit too skinny
unless you walk or drive a mini.

Your little street is lean and scrwany
the ringroad's legs are big and brawny

and it squelches as it goes -
the only question being whose toes ?

Your meagre little street won't shine
when Leviathan calls to dine.

When Leviathan comes on wheels
he's sure to be set on bigger meals.

We hope you won't quarrel with what we're doing
and kick up all that hullaballooing,

but if you must then say your say:
you may petition us all day.

And if wiseacres say what a futile lark
just point to the toilet in the park -

that heap of rubble by the gate
was a public pissoir till of late.

And when you mounted your campaign
did we regard it with disdain ?

No doubt the poofs were most astonished
to find their rendezvous demolished.

True that was part of another plan
an unattended toilets ban

and purely a police decision
before we saw your nice petition:



(a confidential memo that
which some fool couldn't keep under his hat.

But what's democracy about
if you can't tell at once the secret's out ?)



Dear sir it's not for you or me,
it's for the tonnage that's to be.

And it's not only money but kudos too
when you put your toes in Leviathan's stew :

for your great grandchildren will say
he moved his arse for the motorway.

by farquhar mclay.

MEMO

I think I can put a lot of people's minds at rest. All public lavatories not having a full-time attendant in charge are to be phased out in the coming year. It has long been a sore point with the commttee that the department appeared to be providing free facilities for sodomites. I am glad to be in a position to announce that very soon that criticism will no longer be valid. I may add that those toilets which do not have a full-time attendant in charge will now close in the early part of the evening and remain closed all day Sunday. It is our information that it is on Sunday the grosser acts of indecency take place. This latter measure comes into effect from midnight tonight. We have received numerous complaints from irate members of the public who are dismayed and bewildered by the continued existence of these dens of filth. And there is a second equally important consideration. Police officers on toilet surveillance are often compromised and corrupted in the line of duty. Morale in the force has never been lower. There were no less than 160,000 crimes committed in the region last year, and for the current year the figure is expected to be even higher. The Chief Constable has expressed grave disquiet over recent rumblings among the men** In a society which is fighting for survival we cannot afford.....

Dear GPP,

The size of print would have defeated me had it not been for my IBM Sub Atomic Digetal Decoder. After weeks of decoding I was able to read some of the articles (* eds. notice back to 'big print' from now on!)

I should have saved myself the bother.

Take, for example, the AXE TO GRIND article on

free music.

Mr. Rick Shaw (forchrist-sake) defines music as "One of the means open to everyone to communicate emotion". I can accept that Mr.Shaw as a trained musician, can express his emotion musically - persumably the result would be a musical confusion to match his ideas. However, I can guarantee that, as a non-musician, I cannot portray my emotions on instruments or with my voice. For a start the noises I make are not of my choosing, my sounds are unintentional & my coordination inadequete.

Secondly, although music evokes emotional responses, it is ridiculous to pretend that it is some magical bridge between composer & listener. For example, I have listened to many 'Free Musicians' most of whom could only be described as being in some trance like state obviously intended to be accessible only to themselves. I certainly did not share their emotions. Quite the contrary - their music provoked a state of emotional agony in me.



Only the sound of Bach is presently soothing the memory. This brings me to a second point. Mr. Shaw condems a MUSICIAN for wanting to play Beethoven as it was written. He seems almost to despise this musician for not adding or changing a few notes to the vth symphony each time she plays it. As it happens I am a great lover of Beethoven (and jazz,folk & Rock by the way) I fervently hope that I never suffer the disappointment of going to hear a Beethoven concert at which Mr.Shaw is playing. For obviously I will not hear what I anticipated. Indeed if Mr.Shaw's views held general sway I would not hear Beethoven again - for no one would play it.

All I would hear would be Free Variations on a theme of Beethoven by Shaw or Paddrernostre or whoever

Indeed Mr. Shaw may be a fine COMPOSER and I might enjoy his variations, but if I go to hear a MUSICIAN play Beethoven that is what I want to hear. Mr.Shaw would deprive me of this pleasure for Beethoven can be dismissed on the technical grounds that it has 'form', aesthetics are irrelevent it seems. Great music is never created within the constraints of a given form, says Mr.Shaw. Apart from the arrogance of this view, it is logically nonsense. How can music not have form. Music is notes, each independent of the last. As soon as a second note is played it qualifies and alters the sound & effect of the first. So it is that music must always have 'form' each section of the composition relates to all the other sections & produces a total overall effect.

This rule holds good even for so-called Free music - that is music which uses new innovatory structures & form.

I do not condemn Free music outright - indeed I have heard some Free music which gave me great pleasure, but it had form.

Musicians who try to ignore the fundamental nature of music can only produce something totally non-musical that is a string of unconnected & irrelevent noises, described by a friend of mine as a "Cataclysm of crap".

A. Carr.
Muirend.



Dear Editor,

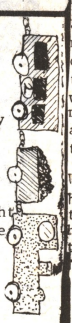
The security of our living room was shattered by the attack on the Nation's morality in your issue no. 8. Your writers reeked with tolerance for homosexuality, womens lib., communal living &, worst of all, masturbation.

Are we to believe that our children should be allowed to enjoy themselves, freely experiment & generally grow up untainted by the standards of their betters? Respect for authority would soon die & where would we be then ?

A spell of service in the Army would put your writers straight. Lord preserve us.

Mr. & Mrs I.Todd, Hyndland.

LAST TRAIN



Drunk again
And Glasgow belongs to me.
Enjoy the moving picture portrait
Framed courtesy of British Rail,
The forests of flats, the red factories, the grey tenements
And the hard, bitter faces staring back.
To every horizon and beyond
There's more of the same.
My compatriot opposite rounds of his perfect night
By vomiting on the floor - that's one to tell the boy's on Monday, eh ?
And amidst all this grandiose splendour
A tempting thought hits home
If Glasgow didn't belong to me
Maybe I wouldn't be drunk.

ALAN CAMERON.

AS WE SEE IT...

THAT WAS THE YEAR THAT WAS, YOU GOTTA BELIEVE IT !

Yes ,we have surprised even ourselves in that we've managed to keep going for a year.

However, not without a lot of ups & downs. We kept to a monthly schedule for the first 4 issues but then the momentum slowed down. The next 3 issues only came out on a bi-monthly basis. We lost a couple of collective members on the drop-out trail & it was left to a handful of anarchic amateurs to bring issues out.

Hopefully we've left many of our problems behind us & intend to come out monthly from this (anniversary) issue onwards.

Up till now our appeals for more people to join the GPP collective (take it over if they want !) have more or less fell on deaf ears (& eyes). We are totally independent, not backed by any Organisation , whether Financially or Politically motivated. We write/edit, /layout/scribble the whole process. The GPP offers excellent prospects of a non-materialist existence ! Not that you have to be on the dole so that you can devote masses of energy to the project.

The collective are a mixture of wage slaves and giro collectors. Individuals are & have been involved in claimants unions, bookshop collective, cartooning, free music, free schooling, fair fares, & general anarchy.

It would be great if we could expand to go fortnightly. But first things first. Numbers are important, as is the enthusiasm new members bring. To come out more regularly we need to sell more & to sell more we need to make the paper more attractive & more accessible to people in the city & its perimeters.

We've had our problem with bad debts & thanks must go to the various people who have contributed by digging their hands in their pockets.

WE'LL BE PUTING THE NEXT ISSUE TOGETHER 2nd/3rd week in Sept.

PENILEE

CLIVE HOUSE CONTINUES ITS MANIPULATION IN PENILEE. THE LATEST MOVE IS TO MAKE 'TENANCY' EVEN MORE DIFFICULT TO MEET.

The figures listed in GPP no. 8 have been altered by the faceless bureaucracy in India St. so that less & less tenants are able to qualify for the modernised houses. Here is a perfect example of what they mean by "Housing management":-

4-3 apt. from 1961 to 1955
4-4 apt. from 1960 to 1950/3
3-4 apt. from 1967 to 1963
3-3 apt. from 1950 to 1945
4-5 apt. from 1965 to 1963



And to prove it's not all one-way (!):-
3-5 apt. from 1962 to 1965

The same situation is currently happening in Govan too & will be happening in Pollok, Priesthill etc. in the years to come.

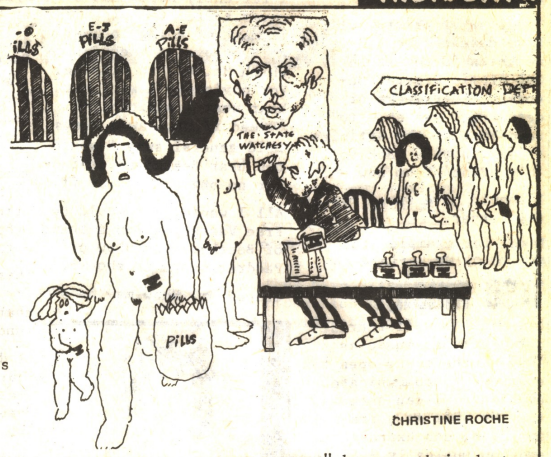
Only independent & direct action by the tenants can show Clive House that they won't get away with these tactics, not without a real fight & bad publicity.

WATCH OUT cont.

necessary to prevent Pregnancy while the virus is still active. However, a doctor can prescribe any drug he considers suitablefor a patient if he takes full responsibility for it's use-this is a let-out for big drug firms who are anxious to avoid another Thalidomide affair.

Side-effects of DP do not make pleasant reading:-

a. disruption of menstrual bleeding;heavy/prolonged/absent periods
b. vomiting,dizziness, moodiness,haedaches, weight gain/loss.
c. rectal bleeding.
d. established link with subsequent infertility
e. est. link with blood-/clotting disorders
f. est. link with breast and cervical cancers.
g. diabetes.
h. damage to the foetus if your pregnant when injected



CHRISTINE ROCHE

The 'jag' is generally given to women who are regarded as "difficult cases" because their doctors consider them "unreliable contraceptive users". This category covers women whose husbands dissapprove of contraception, battered women, those with several children already, and women who have had an abortion. In other words doctors consider it the ideal contra-ceptive for poor, and working class women.

Assurances have been given to concerned women's groups that all women given DP have been told of the risks, but who would freely accept a drug which can cause so much damage?

It is important for all women to realise that DP is the doctors choice of contraceptive -they use it because they like it. The idea of an injectable contraceptive isa good one-but until they are tested and safe they should not be used. "Better a woman gets cancer in 30 years than pregnant now" /London haelth visitor.

BETTER FOR WHO?

We traditionally allow doctors to decide what's 'best' for us, we're confused by medical jargon. In a situation like this where women are being mis-led, it is up to alternative groups to circulate information -make the facts known. Once women have the knowledge we can refuse to be intimidated by their white coats.

With no power over our own bodies we have no hope of power over our own lives. Cont. pp4. col.3

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sharp shorts





Those fortunate readers who have been with us since Issue One will recall our cover story on Barrowfield Community School.

This remarkable free school had modeled its curriculum to benefit the childeren and the community. Most of the children had rejected the regime of their old schools, which the law compelled them to attend, but they flourished at Barrowfield.

When we first told the story, funds had run out and the teachers had all left the school, but so determined were the parents to keep the school going that they took over as teachers.

It is almost a year since that story. Sadly This unique has nothing to celebrate. Barrowfield school was fatally damaged by fire and it looks like it will have to close.



A volunteer inspects the damage

NORTH KELVINSIDE STORY.

The encroaching tide of bedsits in the 'west-end' continues unabated.

An old couple gradually became incapable of looking after themselves. In this ageist society that means they move into a 'Home' where they are treated as inmates - what a contrast with how a libertarian society would operate. Mutual aid would mean old folks were integrated rather than isolated.

Anyway, they moved out & before it 'hit' the market, a property'tycoon' snapped it up, arranged for the whole flat to be stripped & workmen employed to divide a large bedroom into two rooms. Any character the 5 apartment flat had has been destroyed.

WHY ? Simply because profit comes before people in any society of'Free Enterprise' & non-accountability.

REFRESHES AREAS OTHER PAPERS FAIL TO REACH